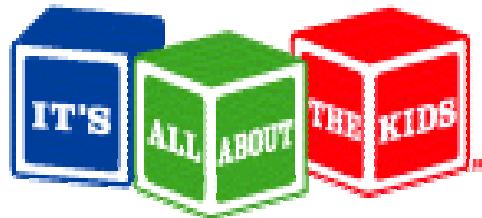


# LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

“2000”



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## Memorandum

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**Subject:** Legislative Summary for the Year 2000

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Attached is the California Children and Families Commission's 2000 Legislative Summary report. This report reflects the final outcomes for bills on which the Legislature and Governor took final action in the year 2000. It provides a summary of all significant bills the State Commission monitored, based on the criteria we developed for identifying bills to follow (see attached legislative criteria). Our activities included analysis, negotiation of amendments, testifying at legislative hearings, and other education and communication with legislative members and their staff.

The Legislature introduced 2,100 bills in the year 2000, and forwarded nearly 1,500 of those to the Governor for action. The Governor signed 1,100 bills and vetoed 363. The State Commission actively monitored 176 bills for potential policy and fiscal implications on our objectives and priorities and in terms of furthering or conflicting with the goals of Proposition 10.

The bills included in this report fall into the following subject areas:

Budget	Governance
Child Care	Health
Children with Disabilities and Special Needs	Literacy
Children's Services	Master Plan
Education	Prenatal Care
Family Support	Safety
Foster Care	Tobacco

We have listed and provided summary descriptions of the bills by subject matter, and have also indexed them in other ways, including numerical, chaptered, vetoed, and failed, for ease of use.

The Legislative Summary can be a useful resource in referencing bill numbers in the future, as many of these bills become part of the "legislative history" for bills in future years. It is interesting to note the bills that were signed by the Governor, by subject, in relation to the bills he vetoed and those the Legislature did not approve and forward to the Governor for action. While we do not know the Legislature's rationale, the Governor's veto messages are contained at the end of this report and much can be gleaned from these messages in terms of the Governor's thinking and his process for handling legislation.

The State Commission sponsored and secured passage of AB 1910 (Migden, Chapter 150, Statutes of 2000), which provided County Commissions with explicit powers, duties and responsibilities in counties where the Board of Supervisors has structured the County Commission as an independent public entity rather than an agency of the county. Two other bills from 1999, SB 689 and AB 1576, were co-sponsored by the State Commission and are summarized in this report as well.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the Commission's Legislative Summary report, please contact Patti Huston, Chief of Legislative and Governmental Affairs, at (916) 323-0056.

#### Attachments

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SB 689	JOHNSTON	349	Conflict of Interest – Defines Terms to Clarify the Involvement of County Employees Who Serve on County Children and Families Commissions (Co-sponsored by the State Attorney General's Office)

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## **BUDGET**

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**2000-01 BUDGET (BUDGET BILL)**  
AB 1740, a budget bill introduced by the chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and the Assembly Budget Committee, contains appropriations to finance the program levels proposed in the Governor's Budget that would make appropriations for support of state government for the 2000-01 fiscal year.

## **CHILD CARE**

**AB 212**                      **ARONER (CHAPTER 547)**  
**RETENTION OF CHILD CARE EMPLOYEES**  
AB 212, sponsored by the Center for Child Care Workforces, requires that specified funds appropriated by the Budget Act of 2000 for child care and development be allocated to local child care and development planning councils based on the percentage of state-subsidized, center-based child care funds received in that county, to be used to address the retention of qualified child care employees in state-subsidized child care centers.

**AB 554**                      **PAPAN (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE  
AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**  
AB 554, sponsored by Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco Counties, would revise income eligibility for families in certain counties to include those whose adjusted monthly income is at or below 85% of the state's median income. The bill would provide that families whose income exceeds the amount set for income eligibility may continue to receive subsidized child care services.

**AB 1923**                      **CARDENAS (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**CHILD CARE FACILITIES TAX CREDIT**  
AB 1923, sponsored by Assembly Member Cardenas, would authorize an income tax credit in an amount equal to 50% of qualified expenditures for any taxpayer who contributes to the construction or expansion of a licensed child care facility in California.

**AB 1986****WIGGINS (VETOED)****CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT**

AB 1986, sponsored by the Department of Education, would revise and recast the indicators of quality child care and development programs. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop an evaluation system for all state funded child care and development programs that would be required to include program performance standards, assessment and evaluation instruments, program reviews, data reporting, and a program rating and accountability system.

**AB 2011****WAYNE (VETOED)****FAMILY DAYCARE HOMES: LICENSING: UNANNOUNCED VISITS**

AB 2011, sponsored by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, would require the Department of Social Services to conduct unannounced site visits to licensed family day care homes within every 2-year period, and as often as necessary to ensure compliance. The current survey requirement is at least every three years.

**AB 2160****CUNNEEN (VETOED)****CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT: REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

AB 2160, sponsored by the California Child Development Administrative Association, would authorize the Superintendent of Public Instruction to reimburse providers of child care and extended day care services at a rate in excess of the standard reimbursement rate, but not to exceed the regional market rate. If the total cost of rate increases exceeds the funds available, rate increases would be granted first to applicants whose contracts have reimbursement rates that are the lowest percentage of the market rates in the contractors' respective regions.

**AB 2258****LEACH (VETOED)****EMERGENCY SHELTERS: CRISIS NURSERY**

AB 2258, sponsored by Assembly Member Leach, would require the Department of Social Services to study any issues related to licensing crisis nurseries as a separate category of care facilities that provide temporary shelter for children who are admitted into care upon the request of a parent or legal guardian.

**AB 2431****RUNNER (VETOED)****CHILD DAYCARE LICENSURE**

AB 2431, sponsored by Assembly Member Runner, expands the list of crimes, that include convictions for willful cruelty to a child, voluntary manslaughter, immoral acts before a child, stalking, cruelty to animals, elder abuse, care-jacking with use of a dangerous weapon, and

drawing or exhibiting a firearm at a day care center, for which an exemption may not be given for the issuance of a license to a child day care provider. The bill also requires the Department of Social Services to consider, as a positive factor of good character, granting an exemption for other convictions for which an exemption is permitted any conviction for a nonviolent crime that occurred more than 10 years before the application.

**AB 2504**

**WASHINGTON (FAILED ASSEMBLY HEALTH)  
CHILD CARE FACILITY INTERVIEWS**

AB 2504, sponsored by the Family Child Care Policy Advisory Committee, would require the Department of Social Services to obtain written consent from at least one parent or guardian before entering a child day care facility or child development center to interview a child. The bill would provide an exception to the parental consent requirement when it is determined that any child in the facility is in imminent danger.

**AB 2597**

**CARDENAS (VETOED)  
CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES DIRECT LOAN  
FUND**

AB 2597, sponsored by the National Economic Development and Law Center, increases the flexibility of the Child Care Facilities Financing Program in order to increase the number of potential eligible projects and credit-worthy borrowers. The bill would prohibit a loan from exceeding 80%, rather than 50%, of the total amount of investment for the purchase, development, construction, expansion, or improvement of licensed child care and development facilities and for related equipment and fixtures, would prohibit a loan from exceeding 30, rather than 20, years, and would exempt from these restrictions a family child care home provider and a loan made to a microenterprise loan fund.

**AB 2675**

**BOCK (FAILED ASSEMBLY)  
CHILD CARE: LOW-INCOME PERSONS**

AB 2675, would, through the enactment of the Child Care To Work Act, express the intent of the Legislature to ensure that paid child care is provided to families currently receiving CalWORKs benefits and to former recipients of those benefits who require child care to retain employment.

**AB 2778**

**JACKSON (CHAPTER 548)  
CHILD CARE FACILITIES FINANCING**

AB 2778, sponsored by the Child Development Policy Institute, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to contract with a nonprofit organization that has staff with expertise in financing and

capital expansion, are knowledgeable about the child care field, and have the ability to develop and implement a plan to increase the availability of financing to renovate, expand, and construct child day care facilities. The nonprofit organization would serve as a financial intermediary to perform certain functions relating to the development of child care facilities.

**SB 1443**

**RAINEY (FAILED ASSEMBLY HEALTH)  
CHILD CARE: CALWORKS**

SB 1443, sponsored by Senator Rainey, would require the Department of Education to conduct outreach activities to encourage community-based organizations to apply for funds to provide high-quality affordable child care services. The bill would prohibit an organization receiving state child care funds from having an abundance of religious symbols on the premises used for the state funded child care program, commingling state child care funds with the organization's general accounts, using state child care funds for religious activities, or purposefully articulating a religious mission within its state funded child care program.

**SB 1703**

**ESCUTIA (CHAPTER 704)  
EXPANSION OF SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE**

SB 1703, co-sponsored by the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network and Child Care Law Center, appropriates the sum of \$42,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Education for the purposes of funding, on a one-time basis, various activities related to child care and development services. These activities include expansion of child care facilities in state-subsidized child care centers; grants for repairs and modifications to existing state-subsidized child care centers; grants for equipment and instructional materials for state-subsidized child care providers to bring playground equipment into compliance with regulatory requirements. Any instructional materials purchased with grant monies must be aligned with the state's pre-kindergarten learning and development guidelines for preschool age children.

**SB 1907**

**SOLIS (FAILED ASSEMBLY HEALTH)  
LOANS AND GRANTS TO CHILD CARE FACILITIES**

SB 1907, sponsored by Los Angeles County, would establish the Child Care Capacity Development Grant and Loan Matching Fund to be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development, which would allocate money in the fund to counties for the purpose of making loans and grants to qualified entities for the construction, modernization, and expansion of child care facilities.

- SB 2014**                      **SPEIER (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**CHILD CARE FACILITIES FINANCING ACT**  
 SB 2014, sponsored by Senator Speier, would enact the Child Care Facilities Financing Act, which would authorize the sale of \$1 billion in bond funds subject to approval of the voters that funds from the sale under this Act be used to expand the capacity for child care services in licensed child day care facilities through construction, renovation, or acquisition of facilities.
- SB 2150**                      **POLANCO (FAILED SENATE REVENUE & TAXATION)**  
**INCOME TAXES: CREDIT: CHILD CARE**  
 SB 2150, sponsored by Senator Polanco, would allow a refundable credit in an amount equal to \$350 for each child of the taxpayer for whom the taxpayer paid or incurred at least \$2,500 for child care of the amount paid or incurred during the taxable or income year for child care. The credit would be allowed only if the taxpayer's household income is below 250 percent of the federal poverty level.

## **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

- AB 609**                      **WILDMAN (VETOED)**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION: USE OF BRAILLE:**  
**BRAILLE INSTRUCTORS**  
 AB 609, sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind, would require instruction in Braille to be provided to each pupil who is functionally blind unless the individualized education program team determines Braille instruction is not appropriate based upon the assessments.
- AB 1795**                      **DUTRA (CHAPTER 137)**  
**CONTINUANCE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS**  
 AB 1795, sponsored by Assembly Member Dutra, amends sunset provisions to reactivate special education programs until June 30, 2001. Existing law governing special education became inoperative June 30, 2000. The bill specifies that to the extent the reactivation of the laws governing special education imposes requirements on special education local planning areas, county offices of education, and school districts, the bill imposes a state-mandated local program.
- AB 1925**                      **DICKERSON (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION: CASELOAD REDUCTION: INCENTIVES**  
**FOR CREDENTIALING PROGRAMS**  
 AB 1925, sponsored by the California Association of Resource Specialists and Special Education Teachers, would establish, until January 1, 2003, the Class Size and Caseload Reduction Act of 2000 for special education. The bill would require the Superintendent of

Public Instruction to implement a two-year pilot program to provide funding to 1,000 special education case managers or teachers pursuant to the requirements of the act. The bill would authorize a school district that maintains a special education instructional program to apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for an apportionment to implement a special education caseload reduction program.

**AB 1940**

**PAPAN (VETOED)**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION: PERFORMANCE GOALS AND INDICATORS**

AB 1940, sponsored by the Department of Education, would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop, and the Board of Education to adopt, performance goals for individuals with exceptional needs. The bill would require individuals with exceptional needs to be included in general statewide and districtwide assessment programs, with appropriate accommodations when necessary.

**AB 2068**

**STEINBERG (VETOED)**

**CHILD MENTAL HEALTH**

AB 2068, sponsored by the Mental Health Association of California, would encourage the Regents of the University of California to convene, to the extent that sufficient annual funds are provided for this purpose, a panel of experts, consisting of representatives from specified entities, to develop guidelines and recommendations for the identification and treatment of childhood mental disorders and related issues.

**AB 2151**

**WAYNE (FAILED SENATE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES)**

**CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAM: FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY**

AB 2151, sponsored by the California Children's Lobby, would increase the gross income requirement from \$40,000 or less to 300% of the federal poverty level or less in the most recent tax year, for purposes of eligibility for the California Children's Services Program, administered by the Department of Health Services, to provide necessary medical services for children with certain disabilities.

**AB 2278**

**ARONER (FAILED SENATE FLOOR)**

**MENTAL HEALTH: COMMUNITY TREATMENT FACILITIES**

AB 2278, sponsored by Assembly Member Aroner, would require counties, until July 1, 2003, to be responsible for paying a county share of cost equal to 60% of the community treatment facility supplemental rate for children placed by counties in community treatment facilities and could require the state to be responsible for 40% of the community treatment facility supplemental rate.

- AB 2321**                      **MAZZONI (CHAPTER 591)**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING PROCEDURES PILOT PROJECT**  
AB 2321, sponsored by Marin County Superintendents, requires the Department of Education to select and allocate funds to three special education local plan areas to implement a 3-year pilot project for alternative due process hearing procedures.
- AB 2375**                      **HONDA (VETOED)**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION: DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF THE COURT**  
AB 2375, sponsored by Assembly Member Honda, would authorize a county to require court appointed special advocates, probation officers, and social workers to take specified actions to ensure dependent children of the court receive any special education and related services and any accommodations for the disabled to which they are entitled under state and federal law.
- AB 2918**                      **ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES (FAILED SENATE APPROPS.)**  
**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
AB 2918, sponsored by the Association of Regional Center Agencies, until January 1, 2004, would establish procedures for the resolution of disputes between a regional center and any publicly funded agency over provision of, or payment for, services that are contained in an individualized family service plan or individualized program plan for any child under 6 years of age.
- AJR 40**                        **WILDMAN (CHAPTER 87)**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION: FEDERAL FUNDING**  
AJR 40, memorializes the President and Congress of the United States to provide the full federal share of funding for special education programs to the states so this state and other states will not be required to take funding from other vital state and local programs to fund this underfunded federal mandate.
- SB 1452**                      **WRIGHT (CHAPTER 520)**  
**COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**  
SB 1452, sponsored by the California Mental Health Directors Association, requires participating counties to coordinate services and collaborate with other programs, intended to help the same population of seriously emotionally disturbed children, and to expand the availability of Children's System of Care (CSOC) services and ensure better accountability for program performance by CSOC counties.
- SB 1549**                      **POOCHIGIAN (CHAPTER 281)**  
**SCHOOL PERSONNEL: MEDICATION**  
SB 1549, sponsored by Senator Poochigian, requires the Department of Education to review and make recommendations to the Board of

Education regarding any updates to the regulations relative to assistance to pupils with medical needs by qualified health and school personnel on or before June 15, 2001.

**SB 1748**

**PERATA (CHAPTER 814)  
MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE**

SB 1748, sponsored by the California Association of Community Mental Health Agencies, specifies the representatives of the task force funded by the Budget Act of 2000 to address and identify options for meeting the staffing needs of state and county health, human services, and criminal justice agencies, and requires the task force to study the shortage of mental health workers in publicly funded mental health services and develop recommendations for expansion of their services, including the establishment of regional training centers that would perform prescribed functions.

**SB 1770**

**CHESBRO (VETOED)  
MENTAL HEALTH: CLIENT AND FAMILY MEMBER  
EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS**

SB 1770, sponsored by Senator Chesbro, would require, in any year in which funds are provided for this purpose in the annual Budget Act, the Department of Mental Health, pursuant to a request-for-proposal process, to provide grants to county mental health departments for mental health client and family member empowerment programs.

**SB 1783**

**MORROW (FAILED SENATE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES)  
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT BEHAVIOR DISORDERS**

SB 1783 would create a pilot project, to be implemented by the University of California until November 1, 2003, to study, in three counties, the efficacy of treating children between the ages of 8 and 14 years who have behavior disorders.

**SB 1786**

**DUNN (FAILED SENATE RULES)  
CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAM**

SB 1786 would state legislative intent to enact legislation to implement the recommendations of a specified report by the Senate Office of Research relating to actions necessary to preserve and enhance the California Children's Services, a program of specified services for physically disabled persons under the age of 21 years.

**SB 1792**

**CHESBRO (VETOED)  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: AREA BOARDS**

SB 1792, sponsored by Senator Chesbro, would require the Organization of Area Boards to establish the Partners In Policymaking Program by July 15, 2001. The purpose of the program would be to provide information, resources, training, and education on the

polycymaking process to persons with developmental disabilities and their families.

**SB 1843**

**SOLIS (CHAPTER 286)**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION: WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS FROM LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES**

SB 1843, sponsored by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to withhold state or federal funds allocated under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act from a district, special education local plan area, or county office after reasonable notice and opportunity for a hearing if the superintendent makes certain findings regarding noncompliance with state and federal law on special education and failure to implement the decision of a due process hearing officer regarding noncompliance with state or federal law on special education. The bill authorizes the superintendent to apportion the state or federal funds withheld if the superintendent determines substantial progress toward compliance is being made. The bill exempts the Department of Education from laws regarding public contracts in order to enter into contracts with local education agencies to serve certain individuals with special needs.

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**AB 708**

**VINCENT (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)**

**PARKS AND RECREATION: YOUTH PREVENTION AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT: FUNDING GRANTS**

AB 708, sponsored by Assembly Member Vincent, would establish the Youth Prevention and Enrichment Opportunity Act for the purpose of funding grants for youth recreation and enrichment programs and facilities. The bill would create the Youth Prevention and Enrichment Opportunity Fund in the State Treasury, and would require that all moneys deposited in the fund be made available for expenditure by the Office of Criminal Justice Planning, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to fund grants for the support of programs designed to enhance access by persons 18 years of age or younger to recreation and enrichment programs and facilities.

**AB 2917**

**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS) CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

AB 2917, sponsored by the California Alliance for Child and Family Services, would repeal funding for the provision of services to children, including many of which are required to be licensed by the Department of Social Services. The bill would require the department to contract with a private, not-for-profit entity to serve as an independent accreditation council to accredit agencies providing

residential and family based services to children and families served by the child welfare, juvenile justice, and mental health systems.

**ACR 74**

**LOWENTHAL (CHAPTER 3)  
“YEAR OF THE CHILD” – 2000**

ACR 74 declares the year 2000 to be the Year of the Child.

**SB 596**

**ALPERT (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
CALIFORNIA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT**

SB 596, sponsored by several children’s mentoring programs. would enact the California Youth Development Partnership Act, which would establish the Office of Youth Development Services to serve as the lead entity for mentoring programs and other youth-development strategies, to provide guidance and assistance to departments who receive state funds for mentoring programs and other youth-serving programs, and to promote volunteer mentor and related programs through direct implementation or through contracts with community-based organizations, school districts, the private sector and nonprofit organizations or in cooperation with other state agencies.

**SB 1352**

**ALPERT (CHAPTER 300)  
YOUTH PILOT PROGRAMS SUNSET EXTENSION**

SB 1352, sponsored by the San Diego County, extends the duration of the pilot programs, established by AB 1741 (chapter 951, statutes of 1993) until July 1, 2004. Existing law authorizes designated participating counties to establish a child and family interagency coordinating council to implement various aspects of a pilot program. Under this pilot program, various services are provided to high-risk, multi-need children and families in alternative ways.

## **EDUCATION**

**AB 25**

**MAZZONI (CHAPTER 1022)  
AGE OF ADMISSION TO KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN  
READINESS PILOT PROGRAM**

AB 25, sponsored by Assembly Member Mazzoni, establishes a voluntary Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program that will, commencing with the 2001-02 school year, require participating school districts to offer kindergarten enrollment only to children who will have their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before September 1 of that year, and to offer first grade enrollment only to children who will have their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before September 1 of that school year. In addition, the bill requires participating school districts to offer kindergarten readiness programs of 110-150 hours to children prior to kindergarten entry. The Superintendent of Public Instruction is charged with

administering the pilot program and with selecting school districts for participation in the pilot program from applications received.

**AB 513**

**MAZZONI (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)**

**PUPILS: AGE OF ADMISSION**

AB 513, sponsored by Assembly Member Mazzoni, would require that a child be admitted to a kindergarten at the beginning of a school year, or at any time later in the same year, if the child will have his or her 5th birthday on or before November 1 of the school year for the 2000-01. (See AB 25)

**AB 1087**

**CALDERON (CHAPTER 405)**

**TEACHERS: SALARIES**

AB 1087, sponsored by Assembly Member Calderon, revises the incentive formula established for purposes of the Jack O'Connell Beginning-Teacher Salary Incentive Program. Existing law authorizes the governing board of a school district, the county superintendent of schools, or the county board of education to increase, for teachers who meet certain requirements, the salary on its adopted certificated employee salary schedule. Any school district that elects to meet the program's requirements is eligible to receive an incentive amount.

**AB 1710**

**DUCHENY (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)**

**CALIFORNIA INITIATIVE FOR TEACHING**

AB 1710, sponsored by Assembly Member Ducheny, would expand the purposes of the California Mathematics Initiative for Teaching to increase the number of teachers who are competent and certificated to teach English language learners and science, and rename the program to the California Initiative for Teaching. The bill would require the Student Aid Commission to award grants to eligible school districts, county superintendents of schools, and consortia composed of school districts for these purposes.

**AB 1900**

**STEINBERG (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)**

**TEACHERS**

AB 1900, sponsored by Assembly Member Steinberg, would require the Department of Education to allocate funds to the employers of beginning teachers who are serving in low-performing schools and participating in the Marian Bergeson Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment System to double the current allocation for each teacher.

**AB 2154**

**SOTO (FAILED ASSEMBLY EDUCATION)**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION**

AB 2154, would establish the Head Start in English Grant Program which would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to allocate to applicant school districts an amount of funds based on the

percentage of English language learners enrolled in the school district and not to exceed an unspecified amount per English language learner. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop guidelines for the program that include a requirement that the program consist of an early morning basic English skills class, to be held before the regular school day, for pupils enrolled in kindergarten or any of grades 1 to 8 who do not speak English.

**AB 2224**

**MAZZONI (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)  
READING COMPREHENSION: DIAGNOSIS**

AB 2224, Assembly Member Mazzoni, would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to recommend, and the Board of Education to adopt, a comprehensive list of reading diagnostic assessments that a school district may use to diagnose pupil reading development and comprehension and would authorize a district-level committee selected by the governing board of the school district to adopt an alternative list.

**AB 2563**

**ZETTEL (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
TEACHERS: STUDENT LOAN ASSUMPTION PROGRAM**

AB 2563, sponsored by the California Teachers Association, would establish a loan assumption program for an applicant who meets specified criteria, agrees to teach in a teaching field shortage area or who agrees to teach in a low-performing school.

**AB 2649**

**CALDERON (FAILED ASSEMBLY EDUCATION)  
TEACHER SALARIES**

AB 2649 would authorize an increase in the minimum annual salary for certain teachers to \$35,000 from \$32,000.

**AB 2881**

**WRIGHT (CHAPTER 77)  
TEACHERS: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTES**

AB 2881, sponsored by Governor Gray Davis as part of his education reform package, expands Teacher Professional Development Institutes to provide instruction to school teams serving English language learners in kindergarten and grades 1-12.

**SB 347**

**ALPERT (VETOED)  
CALIFORNIA READS PROGRAM**

SB 347, sponsored by Senator Alpert, would appropriate the sum of \$6,700,000 from the General Fund for allocation to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for allocation in specified amounts to the Solana Beach Elementary School District for operation of the California Reads program and for the 9 existing school-to-career partnerships that no longer receive federal funds or will lose federal funding after the 1999-2000 fiscal year. The Elementary School Intensive Reading Program

authorizes a school district that maintains kindergarten or grades 1 to 4 to operate a program that provides multiple, intensive reading opportunities for pupils. Existing law establishes the Governor's Reading Award Program, which authorizes a school district that maintains kindergarten or grades 1 to 8 to apply to the Secretary of Education for an award.

**SB 541**

**JOHNSTON (CHAPTER 1057)**

**EDUCATION: PREGNANT AND PARENTING TEENS**

SB 541, sponsored by Senator Johnston, adds as alternatives to specific goals for pregnant and parenting students, that pupils will demonstrate progress towards completion of education goals and their children will demonstrate progress towards meeting their assessed developmental goals. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature to establish a comprehensive, continuous, community-linked, and school-based program, to be known as the Cal-SAFE Program, that focuses on youth development and dropout prevention for pregnant and parenting pupils and on child care and development services for their children.

**SB 573**

**ALARCON (CHAPTER 986)**

**TEACHER DEVELOPMENT**

SB 573, sponsored by Senator Alarcon, provides that the sites for the Professional Development Institutes include programs offered through instructor-led, interactive online courses, in order to provide maximum access. The bill requires each institute to accommodate at least 5% of the participants through existing state approved, online instructor-led courses, programs, or both.

**SB 1400**

**POOCHIGIAN (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)**

**SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY: REPORT CARDS**

SB 1400, sponsored by California Business for Education Excellence, would require the Department of Education to develop and recommend for adoption a standardized template for the school accountability report card and definitions for the elements required to be included in the school accountability report card. (See SB 1632)

**SB 1415**

**RAINEY (FAILED SENATE EDUCATION)**

**PUPIL DISCIPLINE**

SB 1415 would permit certificated and administrative personnel employed by the school district to administer reasonable forms of pupil discipline in appropriate circumstances and in accordance with school district pupil discipline policies, and would prohibit offensive physical contact.

**SB 1431****HAYNES (FAILED SENATE EDUCATION)  
TEACHERS: SUBJECT MATTER PREPARATION AND  
EXAMINATION**

SB 1431, sponsored by Senator Haynes, would make changes to the requirements for teacher credentialing pertaining to subject matter testing. The bill would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, by July 1, 2001, to administer a subject matter exam to each individual who will be assigned during the 2001-02 school year to teach a course to students in K-12 regardless of the credential status of the individual. The bill would repeal the provisions authorizing the waiver of subject matter examinations to become operative January 1, 2002.

**SB 1499****PERATA (FAILED SENATE EDUCATION)  
TEACHER TRAINING: READING PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2000**

SB 1499, sponsored by Senator Perata, would establish the Reading Language Arts Partnership Program and require the Board of Education to approve policies to administer the program and staff development training in reading instruction and programs for participating school districts. The bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to provide 3-year grants from funds appropriated for the program to not more than three applicant school districts that serve pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12. The bill would require each local school district that receives grants under the program to provide matching dollars from local private funds for each dollar of state funds received.

**SB 1575****MURRAY (VETOED)  
TEACHER CREDENTIALING: EMERGENCY PERMITS**

SB 1575, sponsored by Senator Murray, would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, in consultation with a broadly representative and diverse advisory committee by, June 30, 2001, to develop a plan for school districts to address the disproportionate number of teachers serving on emergency permits in certain schools.

**SB 1632****POOCHIGIAN (CHAPTER 996)  
SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT CARD**

SB 1632, sponsored by Senator Poochigian, requires the Department of Education to develop and recommend for adoption a standardized template for the school accountability report card and definitions for the elements required to be included in it.

**SB 1722**

**HAYDEN (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
IMMIGRANT PROFESSIONAL TEACHER RECRUITMENT  
PROJECT**

SB 1722, sponsored by Senator Hayden, would add the recruitment and teacher training of immigrant professionals to the duties of the California Center on Teaching Careers. The bill would establish the Immigrant Professional Teacher Recruitment Project in the center for the purpose of recruiting and training of immigrant professionals for the teaching profession. The bill would authorize the awarding of three 4-year grants, in unspecified amounts, to establish partnerships between campuses of the California State University and the California Community Colleges for the purpose of providing teacher preparation programs for immigrant professionals.

**SB 2005**

**ORTIZ (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
REPORT ON PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN  
READINESS PROGRAMS**

SB 2005, sponsored by Senator Ortiz, would, subject to available funding, require the Department of Education to report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2002, on the effectiveness and availability of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten readiness programs. *(See AB 25)*

**FAMILY SUPPORT**

**AB 443**

**MAZZONI (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)  
CHILD CARE: FAMILY SUPPORT**

AB 443, sponsored by the Parent Services Project, would establish the Parent Services Project: Family Support in Child Care and Development Programs, under which the Superintendent of Public Instruction would award grants to applicant agencies for the purpose of planning and operating projects pursuant to the program. The services offered by a program would include early detection and referral for child, spousal, and substance abuse, English as a second language and citizenship classes, respite or sick care, and workshops, classes, and training designed to develop parenting, employment, and self-improvement skills.

**AB 1814**

**LEMPERT (CHAPTER 266)  
JURY SERVICE: BREAST-FEEDING**

AB 1814, sponsored by Assembly Member Lempert, requires the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court to specifically allow the mother of a breast-fed child to postpone jury duty for a period of one year eliminating the need for the mother to physically appear in court to make this request, and providing that at the end of the one-year period

jury duty may be further postponed upon written request by the mother.

- AB 2556**                    **HERTZBERG (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP COLLABORATIONS**  
AB 2556, sponsored by Assembly Member Hertzberg, would require the Department of Education to establish the School Community Partnership Program to ensure that all children and youths aged 5 to 18 years have access to quality before school, after school, and out-of-school programs.
- SB 179**                    **ALPERT (VETOED)**  
**HEALTHY START SUPPORT SERVICES**  
SB 179, sponsored by Senator Alpert, would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to award \$50,000 annual sustainability grants to local educational agencies or consortia after a program's 3- to 5-year operational grant period ends. It would appropriate \$ 1 million for this purpose.
- SB 582**                    **ALPERT (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**  
SB 582, sponsored by Senator Alpert, would create the California Center for Training and Technical Assistance, a partnership for assistance to school-linked service programs, including after-school programs. The bill would make various statements of legislative findings and declarations regarding the amount and type of support that has been provided to local after school programs and a memorandum of understanding between the Department of Education and the Foundation Consortium concerning after school programs.
- SB 1246**                    **POLANCO (FAILED SENATE FLOOR)**  
**UNEMPLOYMENT: SEASONAL FARMWORKERS**  
SB 1246, sponsored by Senator Polanco, would enact the Agricultural Labor Employment Stabilization Act of 2000 and, until 2006, would require the Employment Development Department to develop a farmworker employment pilot program to provide off-season, community-based, employment opportunities for farmworkers or to contract with one or more private, nonprofit entities to develop the pilot program.
- SB 1946**                    **MCPHERSON (CHAPTER 866)**  
**KINSHIP SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM EXPANSION**  
SB 1946, sponsored by Senator McPherson, prescribes a priority for county participation in the Kinship Support Services Program. The bill provides that a county shall not become ineligible for grant funds due to a reduction in the percentage of relative care placements. Existing

law requires the Department of Social Services to conduct a Kinship Support Services Program that is a grants-in-aid program providing startup and expansion funds for local kinship support services programs that provide community-based family support services to kinship caregivers and the children placed in their homes by the juvenile court or who are at risk of dependency or delinquency. Under existing law, the counties participating in the program must meet specified requirements, including the requirement that 40% or more of dependent children in the county be in relative care placements.

## **FOSTER CARE**

### **AB 2012**

#### **SHELLEY (VETOED)**

#### **FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS: EDUCATION SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS**

AB 2012, co-sponsored by the California Teachers Association and California Children's Lobby, would provide that in addition to other specified program sites, any county office of education, consortium of school districts in cooperation with the county office of education, or consortium of county offices of education, may elect to apply to the Superintendent of Public Instruction for grant funding, to the extent funds are available, to operate an education-based foster youth services program to provide educational services for foster children.

### **AB 2210**

#### **ASHBURN (VETOED)**

#### **FOSTER CARE**

AB 2210, sponsored by the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, would authorize child protective agencies to disclose specified information, including a child's current health and education summary, to prospective caretakers prior to placement, if certain requirements are met.

### **AB 2307**

#### **DAVIS (CHAPTER 745)**

#### **FOSTER CARE TRAINING PROGRAM**

AB 2307, sponsored by the California Children's Lobby, states the intent of the Legislature that preferential consideration be given to placement of children in foster care with a relative. The bill requires each community college district, with a foster care education program, to make available orientation and training to a relative caretaker of a foster child and would specify the course curriculum. The bill also requires a county to inform a relative caregiver of the availability of training and orientation programs when the child is placed with a relative caregiver.

**SB 1980****ORTIZ (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
FOSTER CARE POLICY**

SB 1980, sponsored by the California Police Chief Association, would require the California Health and Human Services Agency to establish the Foster Care Policy Council to review existing state statutes and regulations, and county policies and procedures governing the foster care system, and to evaluate and assess methods of improving the quality of services provided to abused, neglected, seriously disturbed, and delinquent children and their families and to ensure high standards of care and accountability throughout the foster care system.

**GOVERNANCE****AB 1910****MIGDEN (CHAPTER 150)  
CHILDREN AND FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAMS**

AB 1910, sponsored by the California Children and Families Commission, authorizes a county electing to participate in the California Children and Families Program to establish its county commission as either a legal public entity separate from the county, or an agency of the county, and would specify certain powers and duties of the county commissions. In addition, the bill would allow the State Children and Families Commission to transfer unexpended funds from its "Administrative Account" to its unallocated account to be used for programs and services for children.

**AB 2304****DAVIS (CHAPTER 759)  
STATE CONTRACTS: PERSONAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES**

AB 2304, sponsored by the Department of General Services, consolidates the provisions regulating consulting services and personal services contract procedures.

**AB 2799****SHELLEY (CHAPTER 982)  
PUBLIC RECORDS: DISCLOSURE**

AB 2799, sponsored by the California Newspaper Publishers Association, provides that nothing in the California Public Records Act shall be construed to permit an agency to delay or obstruct the inspection or copying of public records. The bill deletes the requirement that computer data be provided in a form determined by the agency and would require any agency that has information that constitutes an identifiable public record not otherwise exempt from disclosure that is in an electronic format to make that information available in an electronic format when requested by any person. The bill requires the agency to make the information available in any electronic format in which it holds the information, but would not require release of a record in the electronic form in which it is held if its

release would jeopardize or compromise the security or integrity of the original record or any proprietary software in which it is maintained.

**AB 2878**

**WAYNE (CHAPTER 94)**

**BREAST CANCER TREATMENT PROGRAM EXTENSION**

AB 2878 indefinitely extends the duration of the Breast Cancer Treatment Program, administered by the Department of Health Services. It permits the department to award one or more contracts to public or private nonprofit organizations, and exempts these contracts from various state agency contract requirements.

**AB 2890**

**COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, GOVERNMENTAL  
EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CHAPTER 776)  
PUBLIC CONTRACTS**

AB 2890, sponsored by the Department of General Services, provides consistent terminology and clarifying language in order to reduce ambiguities in existing statutes and enhance the administration of state contracts. The bill makes technical changes to the statutory procedures that govern state procurement of materials, supplies, equipment and services. It deletes obsolete provisions on electronic data processing and telecommunication goods and services, and outdated memorandums of understanding.

## **HEALTH**

**AB 93**

**CEDILLO (VETOED)**

**MEDI-CAL PROGRAM: ELIGIBILITY**

AB 93, sponsored by Assembly Member Cedillo, would eliminate the authority of the Department of Health Services to require redeterminations of Medi-Cal eligibility beyond the annual redeterminations specified in current law. The bill would also eliminate the requirement that Medi-Cal beneficiaries file quarterly status reports.

**AB 454**

**HAVICE (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)**

**SCHOOL CLASSROOMS: PUPIL HEALTH**

AB 454, sponsored by the California Continuation Education Association, would require the Department of Education and the Department of Health Services to jointly develop "best management practice guidelines" to help schools respond to health complaints. The bill would require school districts to institute maintenance programs for all classrooms, require the Division of the State Architect to develop improved design features in classrooms and, in consultation with other specified departments, conduct a study to determine the minimum standards for heating, ventilation, and air circulation systems in portable classrooms.

**AB 678****DUTRA (VETOED)  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: IMMUNIZATION AND  
SCREENING PROGRAMS**

AB 678, sponsored by Alameda County, would authorize the Alameda County EMS agency to establish a disease immunization program, overseen by the director of the county health department that provides immunization services utilizing EMT-Ps trained in the administration of disease immunizations. The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to test the concept of outreach programs in disease-preventable immunization programs in geographic regions of the state pursuant to pilot projects, and to authorize the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development to approve up to three immunization pilot projects for this purpose.

**AB 757****GALLEGOS (VETOED)  
HIGH-RISK INFANTS: FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM**

AB 757, sponsored by Assembly Member Gallegos, would require the Department of Health Services to fund an in-home, high-risk infant follow-up program in the San Gabriel Valley area in the 2000-2001 fiscal year that meets specified criteria, and would appropriate \$100,000 from the General Fund to the department for this purpose.

**AB 878****CARDENAS (CHAPTER 839)  
YOUTH PREGNANCIES: COMMUNITY CHALLENGE  
GRANT PROGRAM**

AB 878, sponsored by Assembly Member Cardenas, repeals sunset provisions, thereby extending the Community Challenge Grant Program indefinitely, but limits implementation of the program to the extent funds are appropriated in the Budget Act. The Community Challenge Grant Program, administered by the Department of Health Services, provides community challenge grants to reduce the number of teenage and unwed pregnancies. The provisions of this program, under existing law, were to be repealed on January 1, 2001.

**AB 1015****GALLEGOS (CHAPTER 946)  
HEALTHY FAMILIES: ELIGIBILITY FOR PARENTS**

AB 1015, sponsored by Assembly Member Gallegos, requires the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, commencing July 1, 2001, to the extent federal financial participation is available and funds are appropriated specifically for this purpose, to expand eligibility under the Healthy Families Program to parents of uninsured children eligible under that program.

- AB 1043**                    **SHELLEY (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: PORTABLE CLASSROOMS**  
AB 1043, sponsored by Assembly Member Shelley, would require the Department of Health Services, by January 1, 2002, to conduct a comprehensive review of the environmental health conditions in portable classrooms on school sites.
- AB 1065**                    **DUCHENY (FAILED SENATE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES)**  
**MEDI-CAL BENEFITS: DENTAL CARE**  
AB 1065, sponsored by Assembly Member Ducheny, would specify that two dental cleanings, two dental examinations, and one fluoride varnish are a covered Medi-Cal benefit on an annual basis.
- AB 1594**                    **FLOREZ (VETOED)**  
**HEPATITIS A VACCINATIONS**  
AB 1594, sponsored by SmithKline Beecham, would add hepatitis A to the diseases requiring vaccination prior to admission to school effective July 1, 2003, except with regard to pupils who were admitted before July 1, 2003, and would authorize the Department of Health Services to adopt emergency regulations to implement this requirement. Existing law requires that children not be unconditionally admitted to school, specified child care facilities, or a developmental center unless they have been vaccinated against certain diseases.
- AB 1725**                    **REYES (VETOED)**  
**CHILD HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAMS**  
AB 1725, sponsored by Assembly Member Reyes, would require the Department of Health Services, by July 1, 2002, to adopt regulations to establish, as a part of a child's health screening, under the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program, screening for a condition known as acanthosis nigricans, and to authorize the use of fasting blood glucose tests in certain circumstances. Acanthosis nigricans is a skin condition associated with Type 2 diabetes.
- AB 1729**                    **BOCK (FAILED ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY & TOXIC MATERIALS)**  
**DRINKING WATER: FLUORIDATION**  
AB 1729 would require a public water system to comply with various requirements in conducting any program of fluoridation of any public water supply, including that the program be limited to the use of a specified fluorine-bearing chemical and that no fluorine-containing substance that could be classified as a pesticide or hazardous or toxic waste by state or federal agencies be added to the public water supply.

**AB 1730****CARDENAS (CHAPTER 540)  
CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION**

AB 1730, sponsored by Assembly Member Cardenas, appropriates \$1,514,000 from the General Fund and \$317,000 from the Federal Trust Fund to the Department of Health Services to fund lead poisoning screening and evaluation of children. The bill also requires the Bureau of State Audits to conduct a follow-up assessment to its audit report entitled: "Department of Health Services: Has made little progress in protecting California's Children from lead poisoning." The Bureau is required to assess whether the DHS has increased the number of at-risk children identified and screened for lead poisoning.

**AB 1734****THOMSON (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
INCOME TAX CREDIT: HEALTH INSURANCE**

AB 1734, sponsored by Assembly Member Thomson, would enact the Small Employer Health Coverage Incentive Act of 2000, which would authorize a refundable credit against those taxes for each taxable and income year beginning on or after January 1, 2001, for amounts paid or incurred during the taxable or income year by an eligible employer to provide health coverage for an eligible individual and that individual's dependent(s).

**AB 1735****THOMSON (VETOED)  
HEALTHY FAMILIES ENROLLMENT OUTREACH**

AB 1735, sponsored by Assembly Member Thomson, would require the governing board of each school district and the county superintendent of schools, as part of the process of making the application available for participation in the free or reduced-price meal program, to also include a request form that parents may use to request information concerning the Medi-Cal program and the Healthy Families Program.

**AB 1748****ZETTEL (CHAPTER 593)  
IMMUNIZATION REGISTRIES AND DISCLOSURE OF  
INFORMATION**

AB 1748, sponsored by the County of San Diego, authorizes local health officers and the Department of Health Services (DHS) to contract with an outside agency to perform immunization information system functions, and to operate child immunization programs both separately and jointly among more than one jurisdiction. It authorizes schools, child care facilities, service providers, health care plans, and county welfare departments to disclose child immunization record information from the patient's medical record to local health departments and DHS. Additionally, the bill clarifies that local health departments and DHS may disclose such information to each other, and upon request for information pertaining to a specific person, to

health care providers taking care of the patient. The bill applies certain provisions identifying the types of information subject to disclosure, and authorizing refusal of permission for record sharing.

**AB 1791**

**WIGGINS (VETOED)**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ON SCHOOL SITES**

AB 1791, Assembly Member Wiggins, would authorize a pharmacy to furnish epinephrine auto-injectors to a school district or county office of education if certain conditions are met. The bill would require the school district or county office of education to maintain appropriate records regarding the acquisition and disposition of epinephrine auto-injectors.

**AB 1879**

**CUNNEEN (VETOED)**

**PUPIL CURRICULA: BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY PREVENTION**

AB 1879, sponsored by Assembly Member Cunneen, would require the California Healthy Kids Resource Center, in conjunction with the Department of Education, to review and adopt brain and spinal cord injury prevention curricula for use, on a voluntary basis, by school districts maintaining kindergarten and any of grades 1 to 12, would require the California Healthy Kids Resource Center to notify school districts regarding the availability of the approved curricula, and would appropriate \$100,000 to the California Healthy Kids Resource Center for purposes of the bill.

**AB 1932**

**DAVIS (FAILED ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION)  
PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ADVERTISEMENTS**

AB 1932, sponsored by Assembly Member Davis, would prohibit advertising of any alcoholic beverage product on an advertising display within 1,000 feet of any elementary school, junior high school, or high school.

**AB 1974**

**MIGDEN (VETOED)**

**HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM**

AB 1974, sponsored by the California Association of Health Plans, would require the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to develop an informational document that may be referred to as the "Healthy Families/Medi-Cal Workplace Notice," containing certain information about the Healthy Families and Medi-Cal for Children Programs and to distribute it to employers who would be required to provide the notice to their employees. The bill would also require the board to establish processes that would allow an employer to elect to allow employees to have the family contribution payments for health care coverage under the Healthy Families Program deducted from the employee's pay and transmitted to the board by the employer or to have the contribution

payments transferred from a designated financial institution to the board.

**AB 1980**

**ARONER (FAILED SENATE FLOOR)  
MENTAL HEALTH: SCHOOL INTERVENTION AND  
PREVENTION SERVICES**

AB 1980, sponsored by Assembly Member Aroner, would authorize the Department of Mental Health to award grants to local educational agencies, rather than school districts, publicly funded preschool programs, and local mental health programs for the early detection and prevention of emotional, behavioral, and learning problems in primary grade children. It would revise the duties of local educational agencies in approved Primary Intervention Programs.

**AB 2013**

**WAYNE (VETOED)  
IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION REGISTRIES**

AB 2013, sponsored by Assembly Member Wayne, would authorize the Department of Health Services to establish a Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS), which must include a network of local or regional registries that are electronically linked to each other, to multijurisdictional health plans, and to appropriate department programs, through a state central hub. (See AB 1748)

**AB 2034**

**STEINBERG (CHAPTER 518)  
MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING: LOCAL GRANTS**

AB 2034, sponsored by Assembly Member Steinberg, in any year funds are appropriated in the annual Budget Act, permits counties currently operating a demonstration program initiated pursuant to AB 34 (Steinberg, Chapter 617, Statutes of 1999), that provides mental health outreach, case management, and other services to persons with mental illness who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, to be eligible for continued funding if they have demonstrated effectiveness. The bill specifically requires that program services reflect the special needs of women with mental illness from diverse cultural backgrounds, including supportive housing that accepts children and substance treatment programs that address gender-specific trauma and abuse. The bill also permits these counties to expand the projects if they demonstrate continued unmet need and the capacity to expand without compromising effectiveness.

**AB 2037**

**CORBETT (CHAPTER 799)  
ALCOHOL OR DRUG EXPOSED OR HIV POSITIVE CHILDREN**

AB 2037, sponsored by Alameda County, increases the age eligibility, for the Options for Recovery Program, which provides specialized services to foster care children who are drug or alcohol exposed, or who are HIV positive, from 36 to 60 months if funds are available

within the existing appropriation for counties maintaining a program for a minimum of 3 years, or, for other counties, if funds for this purpose are available through the California Children and Families Program.

**AB 2103**

**STROM-MARTIN (CHAPTER 452)  
PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

AB 2103, sponsored by the California Primary Care Association, requires the Department of Health Services to grant funds, for up to 3 years per grant, to eligible private, nonprofit, community-based primary care clinics, for the purpose of maintaining a health services program for seasonal agricultural and migratory workers and their families.

**AB 2105**

**SCOTT (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

AB 2105, sponsored by Assembly Member Scott, would require the Director of Mental Health, in consultation with the Secretary of Child Development and Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to establish a program to award planning grants to counties for the provision of school-based mental health services to children, according to specified criteria, and to the extent funding is made available for that purpose.

**AB 2130**

**CORBETT (CHAPTER 809)  
FAMILY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

AB 2130, sponsored by Assembly Member Corbett, requires the insurer, in any case which health insurance coverage is provided to a child pursuant to a court order, to provide the non-covered parent having custody of the child information on the health insurance membership or identification card regarding the child, the evidence of coverage and disclosure form, and any other information provided to the covered parent about the child's health care coverage. The bill requires the insurer to notify the covered or non-covered parent or guardian having custody of the child in writing at any time that health coverage is altered or terminated.

**AB 2185**

**GALLEGOS (CHAPTER 325)  
EYE PATHOLOGY SCREENING: NEWBORNS**

AB 2185, sponsored by Retinoblastoma International, requires the Department of Health Services, on or before June 30, 2002, to adopt the protocol developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics to optimally detect the presence of treatable causes of blindness in infants by 2 months of age. If a protocol is not developed on or before June 30, 2002, the department, in consultation with representatives of the 11-member Newborn Eye Pathology Task Force created by the bill, must establish a protocol to optimally detect the presence of

treatable causes of blindness in infants by 2 months of age on or before January 1, 2003.

**AB 2208**

**FRUSETTA (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS OF  
AGRICULTURAL WORKERS**

AB 2208, sponsored by Assembly Member Frusetta, would authorize a credit against those taxes for each taxable and income year beginning on or after January 1, 2001, and before January 1, 2007, in an amount equal to 25% of the qualified expenses paid or incurred by a taxpayer during the taxable or income year, not to exceed \$50,000 per taxable or income year, for preventive health care, a health plan, or preventive care insurance provided to the taxpayer's employees who are farmworkers and who meet specified criteria.

**AB 2225**

**KUEHL (FAILED ASSEMBLY HEALTH)  
MEDI-CAL REDETERMINATION FORMS**

AB 2225, sponsored by Western Center on Law and Poverty, would require the Department of Health Services, by June 30, 2001, to revise the forms used for the redetermination of eligibility for benefits under the Medi-Cal program to make the forms as simple as possible to complete.

**AB 2261**

**ZETTEL (FAILED SENATE INSURANCE)  
HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM: APPLICATION ASSISTANCE**

AB 2261, sponsored by the California Association of Health Plans, would authorize, until January 1, 2004, health plans under contract to the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board for the Healthy Families Program to provide application assistance to certain applicants and employers and would impose certain requirements and prohibit certain activities in this regard. The bill would authorize any managed care plan, local initiative, or county organized health system contracting with the Department of Health Services with respect to the Medi-Cal program to provide application assistance to beneficiaries of CalWORKs cash benefits who are transitioning to other Medi-Cal benefits.

**AB 2299**

**GALLEGOS (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)  
HEALTHY FAMILIES: DENTAL AND VISION BENEFITS**

AB 2299, sponsored by Assembly Member Gallegos, would permit persons who meet the eligibility criteria for the Healthy Families Program and who have health benefits outside the program, but who do not have dental or vision benefits otherwise available, to be able to subscribe to the dental and vision benefits of the program. The bill would require the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to contract with a sufficient number of dental and vision plans to assure that

dental and vision benefits are available for these persons. The bill would also require the subscribers of only dental or vision benefits to pay family contributions of \$10 per child per month for each class of benefits and co-payments at levels established by the board, but not to exceed those levels established by the board for subscribers to the Healthy Families Program for health, dental, and vision benefits.

**AB 2306**

**FLOREZ (CHAPTER 312)**

**FARMWORKERS HEALTH AND HOUSING PROGRAM**

AB 2306, sponsored by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation, requires the Department of Health Services to review and survey the extent to which agricultural workers and their families utilize those public health programs for which they are eligible, in order to provide improved delivery of services to the families of agricultural workers.

**AB 2342**

**HOUSE (FAILED ASSEMBLY PUBLIC SAFETY)**

**CHILD ENDANGERMENT: BIRTH OF DRUG-POSITIVE CHILD**

AB 2342, sponsored by Assembly Member Houses, would punish as a misdemeanor, a woman who gives birth to a child whose toxicology screen tests positive for a controlled substance at the time of birth and would require that she be placed in either an inpatient or outpatient drug and alcohol treatment program. Upon conviction of this offense the court would be required to issue an order to the social worker to commence proceedings in the juvenile court to determine whether the child is a dependent child of the court. The bill would provide that it would be a defense to this crime that the person used the controlled substance under the direction or care of a practitioner for a legitimate medical purpose.

**AB 2415**

**MIGDEN (CHAPTER 944)**

**HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM: ELIGIBILITY OF QUALIFIED ALIENS**

AB 2415, sponsored by Assembly Member Migden, deletes the requirement that eligibility for qualified aliens is dependent on federal participation. Existing law prohibits denying child eligibility for the Healthy Families Program who is a qualified alien and otherwise eligible for participation in the program. Existing law does not require federal participation for qualified aliens in the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 budget years, but does for participation in subsequent fiscal years.

**AB 2427**

**KUEHL (CHAPTER 803)**

**GENETIC DISEASE SCREENING**

AB 2427, sponsored by Assembly Member Kuehl, provides that fees collected by the Department of Health Services for genetic screening services would be established and adjusted by the Director of Health Services. The bill expands the purposes for which the funds may be

expended. The Hereditary Disorders Act requires the Department of Health Services to establish a program to provide genetic screening services and requires the department to charge a fee and deposit the fee into the Genetic Disease Testing Fund, which is continuously appropriated for certain purposes.

**AB 2591**

**CARDENAS (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)  
ORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

AB 2591, sponsored by the California Primary Care Association, would require the Department of Health Services, to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose in the annual Budget Act, to establish a grant program to make grants to any primary care clinic in connection with financing a capital outlay project for the purpose of providing oral health services.

**AB 2631**

**KNOX (VETOED)  
NUTRITION: SUMMER FOOD SERVICE AND AFTER SCHOOL  
SNACK PROGRAMS**

AB 2631, co-sponsored by the City of Los Angeles and California Food Policy Advocates, would authorize the Department of Education to award grants on a competitive basis, based upon criteria developed by the Department of Education, to governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations that are eligible for federal funding for the Summer Food Service Program or to provide after school snacks pursuant to the Child and Adult Care Food Program, or both.

**AB 2670**

**BOCK (VETOED)  
SCHOOL NURSES**

AB 2670, sponsored by the California School Nurses Organization, would establish a committee to conduct a 3-year study relating to school nurses and pupil health. The committee would be appointed and convened by the Superintendent of Public Instruction who would ensure that the committee is broadly representative of interested parties.

**AB 2809**

**PACHECO, ROBERT (VETOED)  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: MATERNAL AND NEWBORN  
HEALTH**

AB 2809, sponsored by the California Medical Association, would require the Department of Health Services to adopt a form, which would be required to be used by health care providers providing HIV testing and counseling services, for a pregnant patient, that documents that the patient received an offer of counseling and testing and documents the patient's informed voluntary written consent to testing, if consent was given. Existing law generally prohibits the testing of blood for HIV without the written consent of the subject.

- HR 45**                      **MAZZONI (ADOPTED 3/23/00)**  
**“NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH” – MARCH**  
HR 45 hereby proclaims the month of March as “National Nutrition Month” so that Californians may become aware and concerned about their children’s nutritional needs.
- SB 87**                      **ESCUTIA (CHAPTER 1088)**  
**MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY**  
SB 87, co-sponsored by the National Center for Youth Law and the Western Center on Law and Poverty, makes changes in Medi-Cal eligibility criteria and procedures in instances when eligibility on one basis has terminated. The bill provides for the transfer of a Medi-Cal beneficiary’s benefits to an appropriate transitional Medi-Cal program, under specified circumstances. SB 87 also provides for eligibility redetermination procedures when a Medi-Cal beneficiary’s circumstances change so as to affect eligibility.
- SB 102**                    **SOLIS (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**  
SB 102, sponsored by Senator Solis, would require specified income and expenses to be disregarded in determining net annual household income for purposes of Healthy Families Program eligibility, and would raise the eligibility level to 250% of net annual household income. Under existing law, in order to be eligible, an applicant must be applying on behalf of a child, who meets certain requirements, including being in a family having a gross annual household income equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level.
- SB 107**                    **POLANCO (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM: EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**  
SB 107, sponsored by Senator Polanco, would authorize the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to pay specified individuals and organizations for consumer education purposes. The bill would also require an expanded outreach program to identify eligible children based on the identification of children eligible for free or reduced-cost meals through the federal school lunch program.
- SB 168**                    **SPEIER (CHAPTER 845)**  
**IMMUNIZATION REIMBURSEMENT OF PHYSICIANS IN HMOS**  
SB 168, co-sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the California Academy of Family Physicians, prohibits a risk-based contract between a health care service plan and a physician or physician group that is issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2001, from including a provision that requires a physician or a physician group to assume financial risk for

the acquisition costs of required immunizations for children as a condition of accepting the risk-based contract.

**SB 743**

**ESCUTIA (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM: MEDI-CAL PROGRAM**

SB 743, sponsored by the Children's Advocacy Institute, would require the Healthy Families Program, administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, to require the entity that screens mail-in applications to use an electronic bar code system to track these applications. It would require that the system enable applicants and counties to track applications. It would require counties to develop a process for using the electronic bar code system and to respond to inquiries from applicants regarding the location and status of their applications.

**SB 745**

**ESCUTIA (CHAPTER 811)  
MENTAL HEALTH PLAN CONTRACTS: ACCESS TO SERVICE BY  
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE**

SB 745, sponsored by the Western Center on Law and Poverty, requires the Department of Mental Health to require mental health plans that provide Medi-Cal services to enter into a memorandum of understanding containing specified requirements with Medi-Cal managed care plans; requires the establishment of a procedure to ensure access to outpatient mental health services for foster children; and requires the Department of Health Services to ensure coverage is provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries for necessary prescription medications and related medically necessary medical services.

**SB 1291**

**POLANCO (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
IMMUNIZATIONS: HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM**

SB 1291, sponsored by Affiliated Catholic Healthcare Physicians, would enact the California Healthy Families Vaccine Purchase Act, under which the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board would allocate sufficient funds out of moneys appropriated for purposes of the Healthy Families Program to the Department of Health Services for the purchase of covered vaccines and for their free-of-charge distribution to qualifying practitioners.

**SB 1338**

**FIGUEROA (CHAPTER 847)  
YOUTH PREGNANCIES: EVALUATION OF COMMUNITY  
CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM**

SB 1338, sponsored by Senator Figueroa, directs the Department of Health Services to establish outcomes for the Community Challenge Grant Program and requires the department to conduct and submit a statewide evaluation of the program within six months of the completion of a grant cycle. The bill also revises the required contents

of the statewide evaluation to include an assessment of the program's effectiveness in achieving stated outcomes established by the department.

**SB 1514**

**HAYDEN (VETOED)  
SCHOOL FOOD**

SB 1514, sponsored by Senator Hayden, would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to convene an advisory task force to explore ways to inform parents about the healthfulness and basic nutritional value of all food served in public schools, including genetically engineered foods.

**SB 1766**

**CHESBRO (CHAPTER 456)  
PRIMARY CARE CLINICS: EXPANDED ACCESS TO PRIMARY  
CARE**

SB 1766, sponsored by the California Primary Care Association, extends to the 2001-2002 fiscal year and subsequent years, a methodology for allocating funds through a clinic reimbursement program known as Expanded Access to Primary Care (EAPC). It requires the Department of Health Services, in fiscal year 2001-2002 and subsequent fiscal years, to allocate to clinics that received funding in the prior fiscal year at 90% of their prior fiscal year allocation, provided the funding award is substantiated by the clinics' reported levels of uncompensated care. The EAPC program is a state-funded program that provides access to primary care services for individuals who are uninsured and do not qualify for Medi-Cal or other health care programs.

**SB 1993**

**JOHNSTON (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)  
HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM: COMMUNITY PROVIDER  
PLAN**

SB 1993, sponsored by the Santa Clara Families Health Plan, would permit the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to designate more than one health plan in a geographic area as a "community provider plan" for the Healthy Families Program, if the plan meets a threshold standard. The bill would require the board to establish a threshold standard based on the percentage of traditional and safety net providers in the plan's provider network. Any of the plans meeting this threshold would become community provider plans. The bill would increase the number of families eligible for a discount, and would therefore increase the amount of money appropriated, as a subsidy for coverage, from the General Fund.

- SB 2020**                    **SPEIER (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)**  
**HEALTH CARE**  
 SB 2020, sponsored by Senator Speier, would require public schools, as part of the process for updating parental and pupil information, to ask the parent or guardian of each new and returning pupil whether they would like specified information relating to the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Programs.
- SB 2045**                    **SCHIFF (CHAPTER 119)**  
**NATIONAL MEDICAL SUPPORT NOTICE**  
 SB 2045, sponsored by the Department of Child Support Services, requires the local child support agency, enforcing a child support order, to serve the parent's employer with a federally mandated notice, referred to as a national medical support notice, in lieu of the health insurance coverage assignment order, when the court has ordered that a parent provide health insurance for a child. This applies for all cases being enforced by the child support agency, whether or not the child receives public assistance or Medi-Cal.
- SB 2050**                    **SPEIER (VETOED)**  
**CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS**  
 SB 2050, sponsored by Senator Speier, would require the Department of Health Services to establish procedures for applying for Medi-Cal and Healthy Families Program over the Internet, and requires the department to convene a workgroup and report to the Legislature regarding unifying Medi-Cal and Healthy Families. The bill would revise the California Children's Services program application in order to permit any applicant to also apply for the coverage under Medi-Cal and Healthy Families.
- SCR 59**                    **BURTON (CHAPTER 17)**  
**MENTAL HEALTH REFORM**  
 SCR 59 establishes, until November 30, 2000, the Joint Committee on Mental Health Reform, for the purpose of identifying promising strategies and policy recommendations relating to mental health treatment.

## **LITERACY**

- AB 2486**                    **WASHINGTON (VETOED)**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARIES: RESOURCES FOR YOUTHS**  
 AB 2486, sponsored by Assembly Member Washington, would direct the State Librarian to award grants on a competitive basis to public libraries for the support of the Youth Mentoring and Safe Communities Grant Program in the public libraries.

## **MASTER PLAN**

### **AB 105                   ALQUIST (FAILED SENATE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES) CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES: STATE MASTER PLAN**

AB 105, sponsored by the Little Hoover Commission, would require the Child Development Policy Advisory Committee and the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Department of Social Services and the Department of Education, the Secretary for Education, and the chair of the California Children and Families Commission, to develop a state master plan for child care and development services on or before January 1, 2002, subject to the appropriation of funding for that purpose.

### **SB 845                   ESCUTIA (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS) CHILD CARE MASTER PLAN**

SB 845, co-sponsored by the California Development Policy Institute and the California Child Development Coalition, would require the Department of Education, in consultation with the Child Development Policy Advisory Committee, the Department of Social Services, the Office of the Secretary of Education or Governor's designee, the California Children and Families Commission, and various other representatives to develop, on or before January 1, 2002, a child care and development master plan to guide the state's efforts to help families and local communities meet their child care and development needs and be updated every 5 years. The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature and specify strategies to expand the child care capacity in the state, provide sufficient funding for subsidized child care, make child care available to all eligible families, improve the quality of child care available, and expand opportunities for early childhood education.

### **SB 1348               VASCONCELLOS (VETOED) PARENTING EDUCATION MASTER PLAN**

SB 1348, sponsored by Senator Vasconcellos, would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the Secretary for Education, to submit a proposal to convene a summit, on or before September 1, 2001, regarding the advisability of developing a master plan for parenting education in non-school settings. The bill would require various state departments to participate in the summit and collect, complete, and submit to the summit available research regarding the causal relationship between the presence or absence of parenting skills and dysfunctional behavior.

## **PRENATAL CARE**

**SB 1830**

### **BRULTE (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS) PRENATAL CARE**

SB 1830, sponsored by Senator Brulte, would establish a new maternity care program for women over the age of 18, who are unmarried, addicted to drugs to alcohol, or victims of domestic violence. The bill would also extend the existing maternity program for children who are under 18, to women over 18 who remain eligible for foster care benefits in the AFDC-FC category.

## **SAFETY**

**AB 578**

### **HONDA (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION: TEACHER TRAINING**

AB 578, sponsored by Assembly Member Honda, would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction, in consultation with the representatives of the institutions of higher education, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and domestic violence and sexual assault experts, to develop training standards for teachers to ensure that sufficient training on domestic violence and sexual assault recognition and on appropriate prevention responses is available to teachers in the public schools. The bill would make use of these training standards optional for school districts.

**AB 1711**

### **LEACH (CHAPTER 6) CONSUMER PROTECTION**

AB 1711, sponsored by Assembly Member Leach, changes the effective date of the Bunk Bed Safety Act from January 1, 2000 to June 19, 2000. The bill provides that a bunk bed is presumed to be unsafe if it does not conform to federal laws, rules, or regulations relative to safety standards for bunk beds. Existing law establishes the Bunk Bed Safety Act of 1999, which prohibits any commercial user from remanufacturing, retrofitting, selling, contracting to sell or resell, leasing, subletting or otherwise placing in the stream of commerce in this state a bunk bed that is unsafe for any child user.

**AB 1745**

### **CARDENAS (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS) PUPIL SAFETY**

AB 1745, sponsored by Assembly Member Cardenas, would require the governing board of every school district to require, on or before September 1, 2001, at least 10% of certificated or classified employees or one certificated or classified employee, whichever is greater, at every school site be currently certified to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American Heart Association, the

American Red Cross, or by having completed a course that meets or exceeds the standards established by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross for courses in that subject.

**AB 1764**

**MADDOX (FAILED SENATE FLOOR)  
NEWBORN ABANDONMENT**

AB 1764, sponsored by Assembly Member Maddox, would provide immunity from criminal prosecution of child abandonment to a parent or lawful custodian of a child 72 hours old or younger, if they voluntarily surrender physical custody of the child to an employee at a hospital emergency room. (See SB 1368)

**AB 1785**

**VILLARAIGOSA (CHAPTER 955)  
HATE VIOLENCE: HUMAN RELATIONS EDUCATION**

AB 1785, Assembly Member Villaraigosa, requires the Board of Education to revise the state curriculum frameworks and guidelines and the moral and civic education curricula to include human relations education, with the aim of fostering an appreciation of the diversity of California's population and discouraging the development of discriminatory attitudes and practices.

**AB 1931**

**SCOTT (CHAPTER 959)  
HATE VIOLENCE: ETHNIC SENSITIVITY PROGRAMS**

AB 1931, sponsored by Assembly Member Scott, requires the Department of Education to provide regional training to assist school district personnel in the identification and determination of hate violence on school campuses. The bill establishes a grant program for school districts to enable pupils and teachers to participate in educational programs focused on fostering ethnic sensitivity, overcoming racism and prejudice, and countering hatred and intolerance.

**AB 2260**

**SHELLEY (CHAPTER 718)  
SCHOOL SAFETY**

AB 2260, sponsored by the Californians for Pesticide Reform and California Public Interest Research Group, requires school facilities to conduct effective least toxic pest management practices in order to reduce children's exposure to toxic pesticides. The bill establishes the Healthy Schools Act of 2000, which requires each schoolsite to maintain records of all pesticides used for four years and allow the schoolsite to meet this requirement by retaining a copy of a required warning sign posted for each application of a pesticide; requires school districts to provide to staff and parents written notification of pesticide products expected to be applied in the upcoming year; and provides for an emergency pesticide application notification process.

**AB 2315****MAZZONI (VETOED)****CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS**

AB 2315, sponsored by Assembly Member Mazzoni, would require the Attorney General to convene a study group to include representatives of state and local law enforcement, child welfare and mental health agencies, parents who have been incarcerated, individuals who were minors during periods when a parent was incarcerated, and the courts for the purpose of developing, by March 2002, a model protocol that addresses how best to ensure the temporary and long-term safety, security, and care of children at the time of their parent's arrest, including the role and responsibilities of the arresting officer to make appropriate inquiries and referrals.

**AB 2316****MAZZONI (CHAPTER 965)****CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED WOMEN: STUDY**

AB 2316, sponsored by Assembly Member Mazzoni, requires the California Research Bureau in the California State Library to conduct a study of the children of women who are incarcerated in state prisons. The bill intends to identify ways these children can improve the ways that they cope with their circumstances. The bill requires certain local agencies and school districts to permit the California Research Bureau to have reasonable access to certain records for the purpose of the study.

**AB 2501****WASHINGTON (VETOED)****MINORITY ALCOHOL AND DRUG INTEGRATED TREATMENT SERVICES NETWORKS**

AB 2501, sponsored by the African American Alcohol and Other Drug Council, would require the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to implement a 3-year demonstration project to make grants to eligible alcohol and drug integrated treatment services networks in certain counties.

**AB 2518****WASHINGTON (VETOED)****CRIME PREVENTION: DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN**

AB 2518, sponsored by the Los Angeles County District Attorney, would establish until July 1, 2005, in the Office of Criminal Justice Planning, a program of financial and technical assistance for counties to provide district attorneys or county sheriffs with funds to coordinate multiagency drug endangered child response teams in cooperation with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, and county departments of health and children services, for the purpose of responding promptly to cases involving drug endangered children. The bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning to fund Drug Endangered Children Programs, on a competitive grant basis.

**AB 2623****PACHECO, ROD (CHAPTER 623)  
CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

AB 2623, sponsored by Assembly Member Rod Pacheco, beginning July 1, 2002, permits the Department of Justice to release conviction disposition information that has not been fingerprint verified, provided it notifies the county or state agency that has requested criminal background information of the lack of verification. The bill requires the department to inform the applicant that the probable identification has been made and what characteristics were used in making the identification.

**AB 2671****BOCK (FAILED ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES)  
CHILD CARE FACILITY: INTERVIEWS**

AB 2671 would require the Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division, to obtain written consent from one parent before entering a child day care facility to interview the parent's child. The bill would provide an exception from the parental consent requirement when it is determined that any child in the facility is in imminent danger.

**ACR 142****BATTIN (CHAPTER 52)  
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

ACR 142 acknowledges the month of April 2000, as Child Abuse Prevention Month and its concomitant "Safe At Home" Campaign as a positive effort to promote public awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

**SB 567****SPEIER (CHAPTER 675)  
CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM**

SB 567, sponsored by the California Coalition for Safety and Health, increases the fines for violations of child passenger restraint laws, and requires that children less than six years of age or weighing less than 60 pounds be properly restrained in a child passenger restraint system.

**SB 968****ORTIZ (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: REPORTS: CHILD SAFETY AND  
FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2000**

SB 968, sponsored by Senator Ortiz, would require, until January 1, 2005, that whenever a report of domestic violence is filed with a law enforcement agency, an investigation is conducted, and the report is substantiated, the report must be provided to a child protective service agency whenever the investigating officer has a reasonable suspicion that a minor was residing in the home at the time of the domestic violence incident. The bill would create the Child Safety and Family Violence Protection Act of 2000, which would provide for community-

and neighborhood-based social service centers in housing where there is a high concentration of high-risk families in poverty.

**SB 1004**

**ESCUTIA (CHAPTER 549)  
PARENT NOTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS EXCLUDED FROM  
FAMILY DAY CARE HOMES**

SB 1004, sponsored by Senator Escutia, requires the Department of Social Services to prepare and provide each licensed family day care home provider with an addendum to the notification of parents' rights form identifying any individual or individuals who have been excluded from the licensed family day care home. The bill requires the licensee to provide this information to the parent or guardian of each child under the licensee's care or supervision.

**SB 1368**

**BRULTE (CHAPTER 824)  
NEWBORN ABANDONMENT**

SB 1368, sponsored by Senator Brulte, provides that no parent or other person having lawful custody of a minor child 72 hours old or younger may be prosecuted if he or she voluntarily surrenders physical custody of the child to any employee on duty at a public or private hospital emergency room, or another location designated by that county. The bill requires hospitals or other designated entities to designate the employees required to take custody of these children.

**SB 1425**

**FIGUEROA (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS)  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS**

SB 1425, sponsored by the Attorney General's Office, would provide medical, law enforcement and support assistance to victims of domestic violence. The bill would provide for the collecting of forensic evidence in any case in which a physician and surgeon or other health care professional determines a patient's injuries are the result of domestic violence.

**SB 1440**

**RAINEY (FAILED SENATE EDUCATION)  
SCHOOL SAFETY**

SB 1440, sponsored by Senator Rainey, would expand the School Safety and Violence Prevention Act, a program promoting school safety and reducing schoolsite violence, to school districts serving pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12. Existing law only provides funds to school districts serving pupils in any of grades 8 to 12.

**SB 1580**

**ALPERT (FAILED ASSEMBLY EDUCATION)  
SCHOOL SAFETY**

SB 1580, sponsored by Senator Alpert, would require both the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Attorney General to administer the School Safety and Violence Prevention Strategy

Program. The bill would expand the present intent of the Legislature that public schools with kindergarten and grades 1 to 7 have access to supplemental resources to establish programs and strategies that promote school safety and emphasize violence prevention among children and youth in public schools, to include kindergarten and grades 1 to 12.

**SB 1619**

**ALPERT (CHAPTER 550)  
PLAYGROUND SAFETY**

SB 1619, sponsored by the Professional Association for Childhood Education, requires the Department of Social Services to convene a working group to develop alternatives to regulations establishing minimum safety standards for public playgrounds, and requires the working group to submit playground safety recommendations to the department by September 1, 2001.

**SB 1628**

**MORROW (FAILED SENATE EDUCATION)  
SCHOOL SAFETY: CRIME REPORTING**

SB 1628 would require the principal or the principal's designee to report immediately or as soon as practicably possible by telephone or by any other means to local law enforcement authorities, and where appropriate, to the school police, any acts of a pupil that may constitute certain enumerated crimes, and would make failure to so report a misdemeanor.

**SB 1631**

**HAYDEN (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)  
ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY STANDARDS: SCHOOL SITES**

SB 1631, sponsored by Senator Hayden, would require the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to consider ways to develop standards and protocols for protecting children's health at all school sites, including considering whether to adopt implementing regulations. The bill would also require CalEPA, in consultation with the Department of Health Services and the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, to make recommendations for changes to standards for classrooms and school buildings. The bill would require the Department of Education to consider incorporating these recommendations into the school site selection process.

**SB 1734**

**MURRAY (FAILED SENATE RULES)  
HATE CRIME PREVENTION**

SB 1734, would state Legislative findings and declarations regarding hate crimes and would state the intent of the Legislature to enact laws to deter hate-motivated behavior, train teachers, school administrators, and law enforcement personnel regarding hate groups and hate-motivated behavior, improve tolerance and diversity

curriculum for pupils in the lower elementary grades, and encourage partnerships to minimize the influence of hate groups.

**SB 1739**

**CHESBRO (VETOED)**

**HOMELESS YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES PROJECTS**

SB 1739, sponsored by Senator Chesbro, would require the Office of Criminal Justice Planning to conduct a designated evaluation of programs designed to serve runaway and homeless youth and submit the evaluation, with certain recommendations and plans for statewide implementation of the recommendations, to the Legislature on or before June 1, 2001.

**SB 1850**

**COSTA (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE**

SB 1850, sponsored by Senator Costa, would establish the Juvenile Justice Outreach and Crime Prevention Program, to be administered by the Department of Justice, through the Crime and Violence Prevention Center, for the purpose of assisting local agencies in developing comprehensive juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention strategies. Each program would be a coordinated effort integrating local law enforcement, probation agencies, public health, community-based organizations, and schools. The bill would appropriate \$26,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Justice to implement the program.

**SB 1992**

**CHESBRO (CHAPTER 819)**

**CARE FACILITIES: CRIMINAL CLEARANCE**

SB 1992, sponsored by the Department of Social Services, modifies criminal clearance requirements for licensees and staff of residential and day care facilities licensed by the department. The bill adds to the offenses for which an exemption is prohibited and would add to the crimes for which the department is required to immediately terminate, remove, or bar a person from the facility.

**SB 2188**

**SOTO (CHAPTER 582)**

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS**

SB 2188, sponsored by Senator Soto, requires the Department of Education, when selecting schools, to participate in the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program, to give primary emphasis to the capacity to facilitate better integration with the regular school day and with other extended learning opportunities.

## **TOBACCO**

**AB 887**

### **JACKSON (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS) TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND**

AB 887, sponsored by the California Primary Care Association, would create the Tobacco Settlement Fund in the State Treasury, as a repository, commencing July 1, 2001, for the state share of all funds received from the tobacco litigation Master Settlement Agreement of 1998. The bill would provide that, upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in the Tobacco Settlement Fund shall be used for health related purposes.

**AB 1159**

### **GRANLUND (FAILED ASSEMBLY LABOR & EMPLOYMENT) SMOKING: BARS, TAVERNS, AND CLUBS: ECONOMIC IMPACT**

AB 1159, sponsored by Assembly Member Granlund, would require the Board of Equalization to report on the economic impact of the provisions that prohibits smoking of tobacco products in enclosed spaces at places of employment, using the base year prior to the enactment of those provisions in 1994.

**AB 2171**

### **FLOREZ (FAILED ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS) SCHOOL NURSES: TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

AB 2171, sponsored by the California School Nurses Organization, would create the Tobacco Settlement Fund in the State Treasury into which the state share of all funds received from the tobacco litigation Master Settlement Agreement of 1998 will be deposited, commencing July 1, 2001. The bill would appropriate an unspecified sum from the fund to be allocated to school nurse credentialing programs pursuant to a schedule to the Department of Education for apportionment to school districts and county offices of education, the California State University, the University of California, and for the department's administrative costs.

**AB 2426**

### **WESSON (FAILED SENATE FLOOR) TOBACCO PRODUCTS: BIDIS**

AB 2426, sponsored by Assembly Member Wesson, would establish a minimum pack size for the sale or distribution of cigarettes (20) and a minimum quantity for the sale or distribution of loose tobacco (0.60 ounces of tobacco). The bill would define "cigarette" to include "bidi" or "beedie" cigarettes, which are a product containing tobacco that is wrapped in temburni leaf or tendu leaf.

**AB 2751**

### **KNOX (FAILED ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION) TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND**

AB 2751 would create the Tobacco Settlement Fund in the State Treasury, as a repository, commencing July 1, 2001, for the state

share of all funds received from the tobacco litigation Master Settlement Agreement of 1998. The bill would provide that, upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in the Tobacco Settlement Fund shall be used to expand health and health care services.

**SB 673**

**ESCUTIA (FAILED SENATE FLOOR)  
TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND ALLOCATIONS**

SB 673, sponsored by Senator Escutia, would create the Tobacco Settlement Fund and would specify all funds received pursuant to the tobacco litigation Master Settlement Agreement of November 23, 1998, shall be deposited in that fund. The bill would specify, upon appropriation by the Legislature, moneys in the fund shall be used for certain health and tobacco cessation purposes.

**SB 824**

**SHER (FAILED SENATE APPROPRIATIONS)  
TOBACCO-RELATED ILLNESS: EVIDENCE**

SB 824, sponsored by Senator Sher, would provide that in any aggregate or class action brought by a public entity or other plaintiff to recover damages or the value of benefits provided to individuals injured by a tobacco-related illness caused by the tortuous conduct of a tobacco company, any party may use a statistical compilation to show or disprove the correlation between tobacco use and resulting illnesses, and to show proof of, or disprove, causation and damages.

**SB 1510**

**ESCUTIA (FAILED SENATE FLOOR)  
TOBACCO SALES: SELF-SERVICE DISPLAYS**

SB 1510, sponsored by the Attorney General's Office, would impose a civil penalty for the sale of cigarettes by means of self-service display. The bill would authorize the State Attorney General, a city attorney, a county counsel, and a district attorney to bring a civil action to enforce this sale restriction.

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## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 93  
AUTHOR: JOHNSTON

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 93 without my signature.

Existing law requires certain Medi-Cal beneficiaries to undergo annual redeterminations of eligibility and at other times as specified by the Department of Health Services (DHS). AB 93 would eliminate the authority of DHS to require additional redeterminations of eligibility. In addition, the bill mandates that DHS eliminate the requirement that Medi-Cal beneficiaries file quarterly status reports.

This bill would, in effect, result in continuous eligibility for every Medi-Cal beneficiary for a minimum of one year from the date that eligibility is established. This bill would go beyond the expansion of Medi-Cal eligibility agreed upon as part of the Budget Act of 2000 and could result in benefits for persons no longer in need of Medi-Cal.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 609

AUTHOR: WILDMAN

SEP 22 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 609 without my signature.

This bill would require that Braille instruction provided to a functionally blind pupil to enable the pupil to communicate with the same level of proficiency expected of fully sighted students of comparable ability and grade level. The bill would require the Individualized Educational Program (IEP) for a functionally blind pupil with the potential to read to specify when and how Braille instruction shall be provided, if it is appropriate.

Although I fully support efforts to accommodate students with exceptional needs, this measure would no longer require assessments for determination of appropriate reading programs be provided for low vision individuals. By no longer assessing these students, services will likely be reduced. This bill also conflicts with current state and federal laws that require services to be provided based upon individual need.

Additionally, this bill goes well beyond aligning state and federal law, placing significant and costly mandates on schools and publishers. Funds for this purpose were not included in the 2000 Budget Act.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 678

AUTHOR: DUTRA

SEP 30 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 678 without my signature.

This bill would allow the Alameda County Emergency Services agency to authorize an immunization program overseen by the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, using emergency Medical Services Technicians (EMTs) to provide immunizations. It would also authorize up to three similar programs as pilot projects elsewhere in the state.

While the desire to make immunization services even more widely available to the public is understandable, AB 678 has serious problems. This bill is not necessary because immunization services are already available in multiple public and private medical settings with no significant shortage of personnel to provide immunizations.

The Alameda County Paramedic Immunization Pilot Project in 1999 succeeded in immunizing only one child in its stated primary target age group of children aged two years and younger, with most immunizations being given to children entering or already in school, where immunization rates already exceed 90 percent. The Pilot Project clinics were very costly because, in addition to needing a Registered Nurse supervisor at each site, the clinics had to pay the EMTs at their overtime rate. Such programs fragment medical care delivery, working against the widely accepted goal of having children immunized in their "medical homes."

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The complex technical aspects of immunization practice, and as a result the AB 678 language, require substantial and continuing training for EMTs, as well as registered nurse supervisors on-site at the clinics. Thus, the available empirical evidence indicates that the programs proposed by this bill represent an ineffective and cost-inefficient use of taxpayer's dollars.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 757

AUTHOR: GALLEGOS

SEP 25 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 757 without my signature.

This bill, an urgency measure would appropriate \$100,000 General Fund to the Department of Health Services (DHS) for the purpose of funding an in-home, high-risk infant follow-up program in the San Gabriel Valley area.

This bill is unnecessary and duplicative of the DHS administered Medically Vulnerable Infant Program (MVIP). The 2000 Budget Act provided \$3.4 million for the MVIP to award grants to in-home, high-risk infant follow-up programs. In a competitive grant process, three other local programs that serve the San Gabriel Valley were selected and will receive funding in 2000-01 to provide these valuable services.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 1594

AUTHOR: FLOREZ

SEP 17 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1594 without my signature.

This bill would require immunization against Hepatitis A for kindergarten and childcare facility entry, effective July 2003.

Hepatitis A is not yet licensed for use in children under two years, so that it cannot yet be incorporated into the routine infant/toddler immunization schedule.

Further, Hepatitis A vaccine is not yet available for children in a combined preparation with other vaccines.

Widespread community acceptance is needed for school/childcare entry requirements to be effective. For Hepatitis A vaccine, such acceptance needs more time to develop, and 2003 may be too soon for this to happen.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 1725

AUTHOR: REYES

SEP 17 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1725 without my signature.

This bill would require the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program to refer for diagnosis and treatment when needed, all children eligible for the California Children's Services (CCS) Program. In addition, the bill would require the Department of Health Services (DHS) to adopt regulations to establish, as part of CHDP health screenings, screening for acanthosis nigricans, and to authorize the use of the fasting blood glucose test when required.

This bill is not necessary. The CHDP program screens for Type 2 diabetes and makes referrals for children to receive a fasting blood glucose test. This bill would shift, from counties to the State, the cost of providing the fasting blood glucose test to uninsured children. In addition, the medical awareness of and testing of children for acanthosis nigricans could be accomplished administratively through DHS and the counties, rather than being mandated through legislation. Also, the CHDP program already determines eligibility and refers children to the CCS program for treatment. Finally, the 2000-01 Budget Act did not include funds for this purpose.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 1735

AUTHOR: THOMSON

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1735 without my signature.

This bill would require each school district and county superintendent of schools to include information on how to request Medi-Cal Program and Healthy Families Program information in each application for free and reduced-price meals provided to parents. This bill would also require the governing board of each school district and county superintendent of schools to determine whether the requests for information would be returned to the school and forwarded to the Department of Health Services (DHS) or returned directly to the DHS.

While I support the inclusion of schools in Healthy Families and Medi-Cal outreach, this bill would result in ten to fifteen million dollars in state-mandated and unbudgeted costs to school districts and county offices of education to organize and administer the proposed program. These costs are not included in the 2000-01 budget. I am instead directing the Department of Health Services and Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board to include in their outreach proposal for next year their recommendations on school-based outreach.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 1791

AUTHOR: WIGGINS

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1791 without my signature.

This bill would authorize school districts to procure and provide epinephrine auto-injectors to school nurses and lay school personnel. School lay personnel would be authorized to make the medical judgement to provide emergency medical aid to school children suffering from anaphylactic reaction by administering epinephrine. The Superintendent of Public Instruction in consultation with the Department of Health Services would be required to establish minimum standards of training for administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by lay school personnel.

The administration of epinephrine auto-injectors by medically trained personnel such as school nurses could in certain instances be life saving. However, the shortage of school nurses with the knowledge necessary to administer medications would assure that the bulk of school personnel administering epinephrine in emergencies would be lay personnel. While there are training programs for non-licensed persons that must administer medications conducted by schools of nursing, medical schools, and schools that train physicians assistants, such programs require weeks for matriculation and cannot safely be compressed into a few hours. Lay persons cannot receive the necessary background in a limited training program that would provide the essential medical judgement skills required to administer medication in an emergency situation. In addition, the administration of

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epinephrine auto-injectors to children suffering anaphylactic reaction by inadequately trained lay persons can result in life- threatening adverse reactions to the medication that can only be safely addressed by trained medical personnel. The risk associated with these adverse reactions may out weigh the potential benefit of the administration of the medication.

This bill does not require school districts to meet the same level of safety standards that would be required of any other provider of medical services, and; thus, may comprise the safety of California public school students.

Moreover, this proposal would result in ongoing costs of between seven and eight million dollars. These costs were not included in the budget process.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 1879

AUTHOR: CUNNEEN

SEP 07 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1879 without my signature.

While I recognize the importance of preventing brain and spinal cord injuries, I am unable to support this measure. Assembly Bill 1879 would circumvent the normal processes for developing, reviewing, and approving the adoption of academic content standards, curriculum frameworks, and instructional materials. The existing process of curriculum framework development and review allows for significant public input into the form and content of the included material.

Furthermore, this proposal circumvents the budget process, wherein meritorious projects can compete with each other.

Finally, I would note that governing boards of local educational agencies already have the authority to adopt curriculum in any subject matter area they deem appropriate or a priority within their jurisdiction. For these reasons, I am returning this measure without my signature.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 1940

AUTHOR: PAPAN

SEP 22 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1940 without my signature.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop, and the State Board of Education to adopt, performance goals and indicators for individuals with exceptional needs. In addition, this bill would require inclusion of individuals with exceptional needs, with necessary accommodations, in general statewide and districtwide assessment programs. This bill also would require local educational agencies to provide reports annually on the participation in these assessments.

This bill is unnecessary because it largely restates federal law. The state is already obliged to and, in fact does, obey federal law.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 1974

AUTHOR: MIGDEN

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1974 without my signature.

This bill would require the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB), in collaboration with the Employment Development Department (EDD) and Department of Health Services (DHS) to pursue Healthy Families Program (HFP) and Medi-Cal outreach activities targeted to all California employees. Employers would be required to distribute, to all employees, information about HFP and Medi-Cal.

This bill mandates a new cost on employers and could lead to "crowd-out" by encouraging them to replace existing employer-based coverage with publicly funded health coverage. In addition, these activities target a broad audience and are not strategically designed to target the harder-to-reach and under-enrolled populations or focus only on employers that do not provide health coverage to dependents. Finally, the use of employer outreach for the Healthy Families and Medi-Cal programs need to be more carefully examined in the light of any expansion of the Healthy Families program to include adults. Moreover, this bill would incur \$1.3 million in new ongoing costs not included in the Budget Act.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 1986

AUTHOR: WIGGINS

SEP 12 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 1986 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to certify state-subsidized child care programs that meet prescribed performance standards, and provide technical assistance to programs not meeting those standards.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction already has authority to develop standards for the implementation of quality programs. The Department could revise the indicators by which it assesses program quality without the prescriptive revisions proposed by this bill to current law.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2011

AUTHOR: WAYNE

SEP 18 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2011 without my signature.

This bill would revise the requirements for site visits to licensed family day care homes by requiring that such visits be unannounced and conducted within every two-year period, and as often as necessary to ensure compliance. The 2000-01 Budget, as signed, did not include funds for this purpose. While this proposal has merit, it should compete with the many other good proposals that will be suggested next year for adoption in the Budget Act of 2001.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2012

AUTHOR: SHELLEY

SEP 22 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2012 without my signature.

This bill would expand the authority to operate Foster Youth Services programs and establish new program standards and requirements. I already included \$7.6 million for this excellent program in my 2000-01 budget. Moreover, the Budget Conference Committee specifically rejected this further expansion as a matter of priority.

I believe the expansion of this meritorious program should be considered through the regular budget process with all other programs in the 2001-02 budget.

For these reasons, I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2013

AUTHOR: WAYNE

SEP 14 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2013 without my signature.

This bill would require (a) project charters for regional immunization registries, (b) local and regional immunization registry adherence to statewide guidelines, and (c) health care provider participation in immunization registries. While these provisions have the potential to help ensure successful implementation of a statewide system of immunization registries, it is premature at this time to legislate a requirement that health care providers participate in immunization registries in California since health care provider capacity for such participation is still evolving.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2068

AUTHOR: STEINBERG

SEP 17 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2068 without my signature.

This bill would encourage the Regents of the University of California to convene, to the extent that sufficient funds are provided for this purpose, a panel of experts, consisting of representatives from specified entities to develop guidelines and recommendations for the identification and treatment of childhood mental disorders and related issues.

Notwithstanding the merits of this study, it would imply a future commitment for funding. While the author has indicated an interest in seeking private funds for this purpose, this fund source should be identified in the bill. It should otherwise compete with the many other good proposals that will be suggested next year for adoption in the Budget Act of 2001.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2160

AUTHOR: CUNNEEN

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2160 without my signature.

This bill would authorize the State Department to increase Standard Reimbursement Rates (SRR) to support compensation increases at state contracted child care centers operating in areas where the Regional Market Rate is higher than the SRR, if the centers can demonstrate that their costs are sufficiently high to justify reimbursement at the higher rate.

The 2000 Budget Act addresses compensation issues for the childcare workforce. The budget appropriated \$33 million to increase the SRR beyond the standard cost of living increase, which should significantly reduce disparities between Regional Market Rates and the Standard Reimbursement Rates in all areas. Additionally, I signed AB 212 (Aroner), which made \$15 million in new funds available to create local responses to childcare workforce issues.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2210

AUTHOR: ASHBURN

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2210 without my signature.

This bill intends to give relatives of foster children priority for placement but could unintentionally delay adoptions for months or even years. This bill inadvertently will actually delay adoptions by withholding from prospective adoptive parents important health and personal information until after the family reunification process has failed.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2258

AUTHOR: LEACH

SEP 04 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2258 without my signature.

This bill would require the California Department of Social Services to study the licensing of crisis nurseries as a separate category of care. Additionally, this bill would require the Department of Developmental Services to consult with operators of crisis nurseries, and with parents who have used the services of crisis nurseries. Notwithstanding the merits of this proposal, it would result in General Fund costs for which funding was not included in the Budget Act of 2000. This proposal should compete with the many other good proposals that will be suggested next year for adoption in Budget Act of 2001.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2315

AUTHOR: MAZZONI

SEP 29 2000

To the Members of the Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2315 without my signature.

This bill would establish the "Children of Incarcerated Parents Act of 2000" which would require: (1) the Attorney General to convene a study group in order to develop a model protocol that addresses how to care for children of incarcerated parents, and (2) requires probation officers to include in their presentencing report to the court, a discussion of whether or not a defendant has children and what child care arrangements exist for the care of those children.

This bill has costs that are not included in the 2000-01 Budget Act. While this legislation may have merit, the appropriation for the study should compete with other priorities during the annual budget process.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2375

AUTHOR: HONDA

SEP 30 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2375 without my signature.

This bill would encourage court personnel to make the presumption that every juvenile before the court may be educationally disabled. Additionally, this bill would void statutory safeguards to balance the need to assess and provide educational interventions, with the need to ensure that students involved in the juvenile system are not too easily segregated and have access to the least restrictive environment.

This bill would result in significant increased state and local costs to process unnecessary referrals for assessment.

For this reason, I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2431

AUTHOR: RUNNER

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2431 without my signature.

This bill would not allow persons convicted of serious crimes like torture, carjacking and unlawfully using a loaded firearm on the grounds of a childcare center to be licensed to operate or employed in a child care facility for 25 years. This, however, is not tough enough. An administration-sponsored measure, Senate Bill 1992, which I have signed today, contains a lifetime ban for such crimes and extends this ban to additional types of facilities which serve vulnerable populations.

The bill would also require a child day care facility to allow a parent or any member of the public to view documentation provided by the department regarding whether a licensee or staff person has a passed their criminal record clearance or has been granted a criminal record exemption (without disclosing of the nature of the crime). To grant such an exemption, the Department of Social Services must have substantial and convincing evidence that the person does not represent a threat to clients . The Department reviews the persons RAP sheet for the nature, recency and number of conviction, plus looks at the proof of rehabilitation provided by the person. The Department may not grant an exemption for crimes for which there is a statutory ban on employment.

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While I am supportive of a parent's right to know the history of licensure violations and other pertinent information about a child care provider, a child care provider or employee does not automatically lose his or her right to privacy by obtaining a child care license or employment. It is very likely that the disclosure of the fact that a child care provider has a criminal record exemption without access to the basis under which the exemption was granted will not satisfy the parent's desire to know the specific details of the care providers criminal history. The parents or the public may also assume the worst about the child care provider, creating a significant danger for misuse of the information.

The California Constitution protects a persons right to privacy unless there is a compelling reason for information to be disclosed. This bill provides the state with no legal authority to disclose a care provider's criminal conviction or mitigating circumstances. In the absence of such, this provision of the bill could cause more harm than good.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2486  
AUTHOR: WASHINGTON

SEP 30 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2486 without my signature.

This bill would appropriate \$2.5 million to the State Librarian from the General Fund to authorize the State Library to award grants on a competitive basis to local libraries. The grants would be used for the establishment of youth development and resource programs though tutoring, mentoring, and other informational services.

Funding for this program is not included in the 2000 Budget Act. Moreover, the Budget already provides for programs with objectives similar to those proposed by this bill. Education and student safety are my top priorities, which is why the Budget includes \$71 million for the Carl Washington School Safety and Violence Prevention Act, and \$87.8 million for the After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnership Program.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2501  
AUTHOR: WASHINGTON

SEP 14 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2501 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to implement a three-year demonstration project to make grants to alcohol and other drug integrated treatment services networks in specified counties, using federal monies already allocated to the department.

I am supportive of efforts that will help communities provide prevention and treatment services to their residents with alcohol and other drug problems, particularly persons who are poor and uninsured. However, the funding included in AB 2501 for the proposed three-year Community Network Service Provider Demonstration Project is not in compliance with the federal statutory provisions governing the use of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant funds and is at the expense of other needy alcohol and other drug prevention/treatment service providers. Moreover, the funding mechanism undermines the state/county partnership that the department and counties have worked hard to develop.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2518  
AUTHOR: WASHINGTON

SEP 29 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2518 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Drug Endangered Child Protection Program, a five-year pilot project providing funding to specified counties. The bill would appropriate \$10,000,000 General Fund to the Office of Criminal Justice Planning to fund the continued coordination of multi-agency drug endangered child response teams in seven counties.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance has provided \$4,747,307 for the existing Drug Endangered Children Program since 1997, and the program goals are commendable. However, before I would consider committing state General Fund dollars to replace the lost federal Byrne Grant funds, an evaluation to assess performance of the program should be conducted.

Furthermore, this bill would result in a significant General Fund expenditure not included in the 2000 Budget Act.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2597

AUTHOR: CARDENAS

SEP 22 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2597 without my signature.

AB 2597 would modify loan terms, interest rates and other specific requirements in the Child Care and Development Facilities Direct Loan Program.

I am vetoing this bill as changing the program seems premature. Although the loan program was slow to start up, I recently signed a budget including \$150,000 for an expanded marketing program to improve public and industry awareness of the program. Relaxing loan limits as proposed by this bill may be unnecessary once the expanded marketing effort generates the expected interest in the program, and actually could reduce the total number of child care providers participating in the program if each loan is for a larger amount. It makes more sense to assess the results of the expanded marketing efforts before modifying the program requirements.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2631

AUTHOR: KNOX

SEP 12 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2631 without my signature.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to administer competitive start-up or expansion grants to governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations that meet specified criteria to participate in the Summer Food Service Program or to provide after school snacks pursuant to the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

While this program may have merit, it will cost an additional \$1.2 million currently not appropriated in the 2000 Budget Act. This program should compete with other meritorious programs in next year's budget.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2670

AUTHOR: BOCK

SEP 22 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2670 without my signature.

This bill would require the appointment of a committee to conduct a three-year study regarding school nurse availability and student health related issues. The results of the study are due to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2005.

The study authorized by this measure is not funded in the Budget Act.

This bill would require the committee established by the bill to recommend to the Legislature an amount sufficient to carry out the study, which may result in estimated costs of more than \$500,000 over three years. Should studying school nurses be a local priority, the current budget provides school districts with historic increases in discretionary funding (nearly \$2 billion) which can be used to support pupil health services, including studying school nurses.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: AB 2809  
AUTHOR: PACHECO, ROBERT

SEP 17 2000

To Members of the California Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill No. 2809 without my signature.

AB 2809 would require prenatal health care providers to offer testing and counseling for perinatally transmitted communicable diseases, to be identified by the Department of Health Services (DHS). The bill would further require the DHS to adopt a form to be used by health care providers, that documents the offer of testing, counseling and patient consent.

The requirements of this bill exceed current federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for communicable disease screening all patients for HIV, syphilis and hepatitis B and testing only for patients at risk for other diseases. The state's standard of medical practice is consistent with that of the CDC.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 179

AUTHOR: ALPERT

SEP 15 2000

To the Members of the Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 179 without my signature.

This bill represents a significant departure from the state's commitment to provide funding for Healthy Start as only "seed" money for an initial period up to five years, after which programs are expected to become self-sustaining. By expanding the state's financial role from provider of seed money to provider of sustainability funding, the bill would create pressure for the state to provide ongoing funding for all Healthy Start programs, an amount that could eventually total over \$60 million annually.

Furthermore, the state has already provided \$5.6 million in one-time resources to assist local districts in meeting their commitments to becoming self-sustaining by the time their operational grants expire.

For these reasons, I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 347

AUTHOR: ALPERT

SEP 22 2000

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 347 without my signature.

This bill would appropriate \$1.7 million General Fund for the California Reads program for a single school district. The 2000 Budget Act provides significant funding (more than \$700 million) to enhance pupil reading skills and exposure to reading in general, as well as for teacher training to improve reading instruction. Because of the significant budget augmentations I have already provided, I am unable to support a General Fund appropriation for the reading program of a single district.

This bill would also appropriate \$5 million General Fund to backfill lost federal funding for existing School-to-Career partnerships. I intend to sign AB 1873 which provides the same amount of funding but allocates these funds on a competitive basis to ensure that the most meritorious partnerships receive the additional funding. Therefore, the appropriation contained in SB 347 is unnecessary.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 1348  
AUTHOR: VASCONCELLOS

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 1348 without my signature.

This bill would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary for Education to convene a summit to determine if the State should develop a master plan for parenting education in public and private nonschool settings. Officials from various state departments and boards would be required to collect, complete, and submit the best available research on parenting education and to participate in the summit. To the extent the summit concludes that a master plan is advisable, it would require the preparation of the master plan and funding plan.

While I believe parenting education can provide valuable skills for parents and prospective parents, I am vetoing this bill for the same fundamental reason as last year because it would initiate a broader state involvement in a subject that is the rightful domain of families, faith-based entities and non-profit organizations.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 1514

AUTHOR: HAYDEN

SEP 22 2000

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 1514 without my signature.

This bill would establish an advisory committee to determine methods of informing parents of the healthfulness and basic nutritional value of food served in the public schools, including genetically engineered foods.

The Healthy School Environmental Policy Action Summit will soon convene to examine the nutritional value of food in schools. An action plan will likely be developed to explore the nutritional value of children's meals. For these reasons, I believe an additional study at this time is premature and unnecessary.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 1575

AUTHOR: MURRAY

SEP 06 2000

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 1575 without my signature.

This bill would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to develop a plan by June 30, 2001 for school districts to address the disproportionate number of teachers serving on emergency permits in low performing, low income schools.

I included in the 2000 Budget funding for several new teacher recruitment programs designed to reduce the number of emergency-credentialed teachers serving in low-performing schools, including the Teacher Recruitment Incentive Program, which is funded at \$9.4 million, and the Teaching as a Priority Block Grant Program, which is funded at \$118.7 million.

With this unprecedented public investment in teacher recruitment, there is greater flexibility at the district level to address the most urgent teacher recruitment and retention needs. I believe that state resources are best used ensuring that this investment gains results.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 1739

AUTHOR: CHESBRO

SEP 08 2000

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 1739 without my signature.

This bill would require the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) to evaluate the various programs available to runaway and homeless youth in operation in California. Notwithstanding the merits of this proposal, it would result in General Fund costs for which funding was not included in the Budget Act of 2000. This proposal should compete with the many other good proposals that will be suggested next year for adoption in Budget Act of 2001.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 1770

AUTHOR: CHESBRO

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 1770 without my signature.

This bill establishes a new program in the Department of Mental Health to provide grants to county mental health departments for mental health client and family member empowerment programs.

The 2000-01 Budget Act includes \$1.8 billion for the Department of Mental Health, a 15.5% increase over the previous year. This includes \$155 million in increased funding for a variety of new and existing programs that have proven effective in preventing institutionalization and hospitalization such as the Integrated Services to Homeless Adults and the Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant programs.

Counties are also charged with providing mental health services to residents and have been provided significant funding for this purpose. Counties currently have the authority and discretion to create local empowerment programs within their existing resources.

In addition, the 2000-01 Budget, as signed, did not include funds for this purpose. While this program has merit, it should compete with the many other good proposals that will be suggested next year for adoption in the Budget Act of 2001.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 1792

AUTHOR: CHESBRO

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 1792 without my signature.

This bill would require the Organization of Area Boards (OAB) to establish the Partners in Policymaking Program to train disabled individuals and their families how to be advocates for the disabled.

This bill is unnecessary as the Budget Act of 2000 contains a one-time appropriation for this purpose. Establishment of this program in statute would create pressure for future General Fund appropriations.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS



## GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

BILL NUMBER: SB 2050

AUTHOR: SPEIER

SEP 28 2000

To Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 2050 without my signature.

This bill would require the Department of Health Services (DHS) to revise its California Children's Services (CCS) application to allow applicants to also apply for the Healthy Families Program (HFP) or Medi-Cal. It would also require the DHS to establish a mechanism to allow for submission of HFP and Medi-Cal applications through the Internet. Lastly, this bill would require the California Health and Human Services Agency to convene a work group to explore options for simplifying and unifying HFP and Medi-Cal.

Combining the Medi-Cal and HFP programs could risk losing many children currently enrolled in HFP whose families do not wish to be associated with Medi-Cal. The success of the HFP program is partially due to the fact that many participants correctly believe their co-payments are contributing to the costs of the program. They properly do not perceive Healthy Families as a welfare program.

Sincerely,  
GRAY DAVIS